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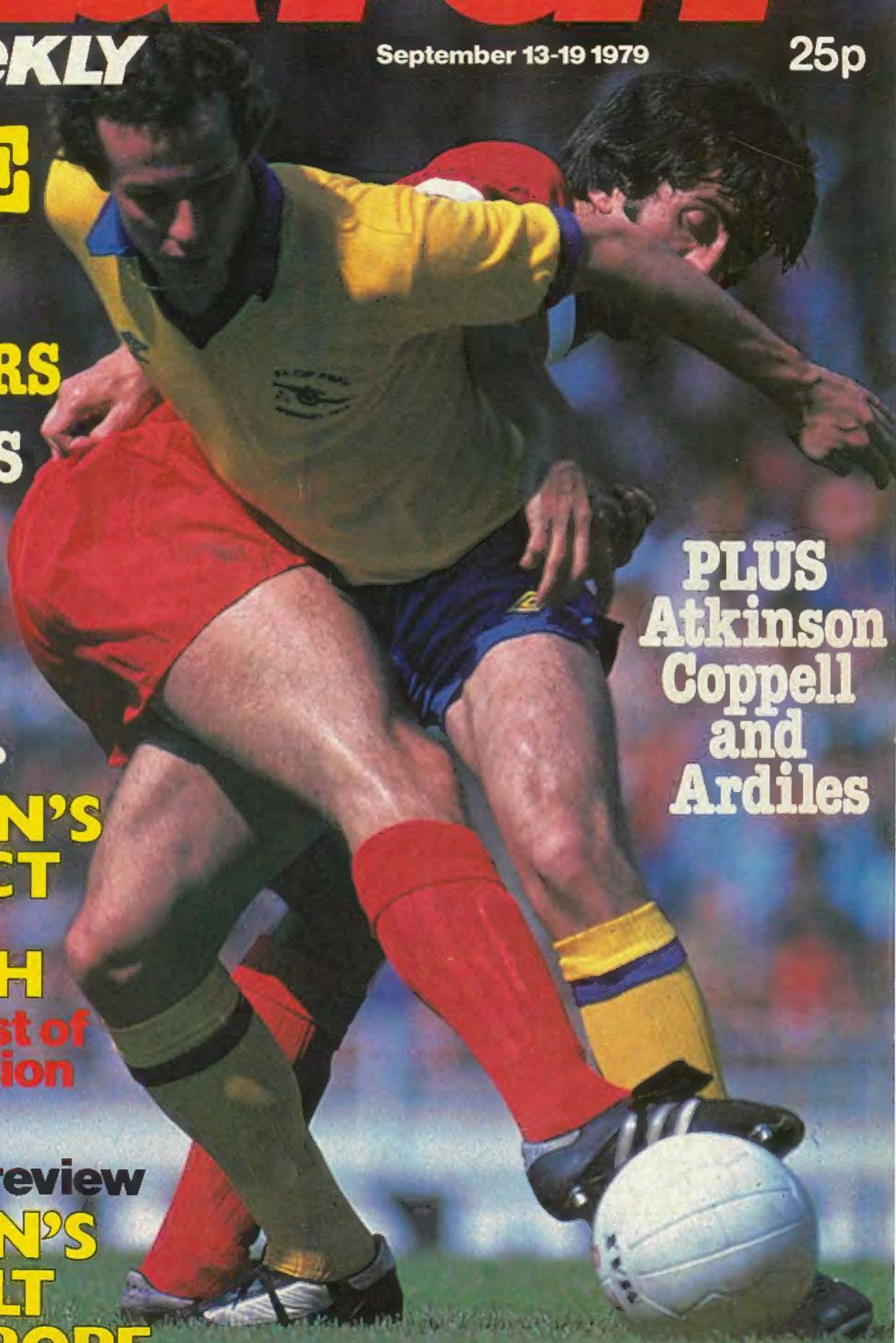
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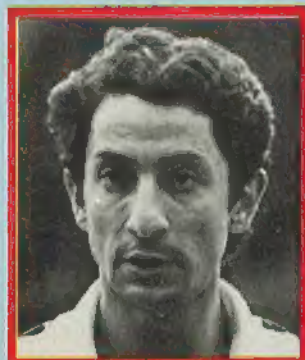
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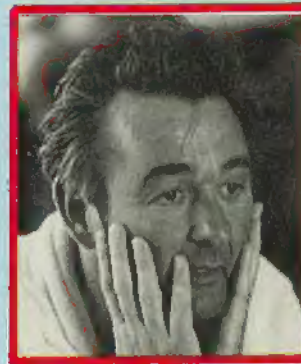
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Last week, I also told you about another free offer — our Match Facts binder. Details of how to get your own binder can be found on page 27.



FAILURE

who fought back

IT SEEMS incredible that unfashionable Cambridge United, who have risen almost unnoticed from the backwoods of East Anglia to the Second Division, should have held on to one of the hottest properties in football.

The man in question is 22-year-old striker Alan Biley, who over the past three years has proved to be a goalscoring phenomenon. He broke Cambridge United's individual goalscoring record two years in succession and only just missed

out on making it three in a row last season.

What is even more remarkable is that each record has been achieved in a higher division of the Football League, starting in the Fourth then the Third and last season the Second Division, which is ample testimony to the players ability and future potential.

A modest young man, Alan's rise to fame has not been easy. His first heartbreak came in 1975 when Luton Town discarded him as a failure.

Cambridge United were willing to give him a chance and he made his League debut, as a substitute, in a Fourth Division game at Doncaster on August 16, 1975.

Biley started as he intended to continue with a goal, but a few days later his career lay in shatters following a collision in a Football League Cup game at Charlton, which shattered his leg.

Again he fought back. Instead of moaning Alan benefited from his ordeal. He explains: "Those long days of inactivity helped to develop my character. Above all, I learned to be patient and this has stood me in good stead since."

By May in 1977 he had overtaken the clubs existing record of 19 goals with 20 as Cambridge United finished the season as Fourth Division champions. The success story continued the following season as Cambridge finished runners up to earn a place in the Second Division and again Alan Biley made a major contribution, scoring a third of his teams' total of 72 goals.

Strangely, he has found it easier each season. "I do not know whether it is because I am older and more experienced or what," he says.

"But football at the higher level is more controlled, they let you play. Mind you Division Four gives you an excellent grounding. It taught me the basics of my trade."

Biley is not a big man. At 5ft. 8in. he is the same height as Sunderland's Bryan (Pop) Robson and, like him, Alan depends a lot on speed, timing and his natural heading ability.

His former boss Ron Atkinson, now managing WBA, says: "Alan will always score goals, because he is always looking for them. You can count on him to have a lot of strikes at goal during a match. He has natural flair and will be successful at any level of the game."

It is little wonder that the big clubs are now turning their attentions towards Cambridge United. Alan Biley has proved beyond doubt that he has the talent to play in the game's top sphere.

LEFT: Alan Biley shows the determination that has made him such a feared striker with this challenge on Charlton goalkeeper Jeff Wood.

IN JUST six days time I will get the chance to take the first step towards making a dream come true. The dream is to play Liverpool in the final of this year's European Cup — and on Wednesday my own club, Hamburg, meet Icelandic champions Valur in the first round.

For Hamburg, it will be history in the making. It is the first time since the German Bundesliga was formed 16 years ago that we have qualified for the European Cup. Naturally enough, the talk at the club in recent weeks has centred on our chances in this, the top club competition of them all.

My own thoughts are very clear. I want to avoid the two English sides — Nottingham Forest and Liverpool — as long as we can. For I rate them the two strongest teams in the competition.

The strongest of all is Liverpool, currently the best side in the world in my book. Forest also are very strong and I think they deserved to win the competition last season. They were clearly the best side in it. But Hamburg would have more of a chance against Forest than Liverpool. For me, they have one or two more weaknesses.

Having met Brian Clough I know that he strives for perfection. Until he has won everything worth winning, and then won it all over again, he won't be happy. He is trying to achieve a Liverpool, but you just cannot build that overnight.

People tend to forget that Liverpool's strength is not just that they have strength in depth, with quality players in reserve, but that in the team out on the pitch on a Saturday they have 11 players who can REALLY play.

The good sides in England have 4 or 5 very good players and half-a-dozen with average ability. Liverpool don't have average players. They are all very good — and that is the difference. I think





KEEGAN

Cloughie is the nearest to matching them, but he is still a couple of years behind.

Another advantage that Liverpool have over Forest is experience in Europe. You can buy goal-scorers and good 'keepers, but you can't buy experience. You have to learn that by going out and playing on the many different - and often hostile - grounds all over the Continent.

Liverpool will encounter nothing in Europe this year that they have not already been through time and time again. They have been to Barcelona and beat them in their cauldron of a stadium; they have been behind the Iron Curtain and got results... they've done it all in 16 years in Europe.

But for Forest, despite the fact that they won the cup last season,

We won the European Cup Winners' Cup two years ago when we beat Anderlecht in the final (just before I came here) and, except for that, our European experience has been practically nil. In any case, six of the players in that team have now gone.

But don't write us off. Malmö got to the final last season and I know that Hamburg are a better side. With that little bit of luck that everyone needs (even Liverpool), we have a chance of winning the competition. Other sides in the competition - like Real Madrid, Beveren of Belgium and the French Champions, Strasbourg - hold no fear for us.

There are no easy games in football - the days of scoring 5 or 6 away and winning 12-0 at home are gone. But our first round draw against Valur is a nice opener for us. Given another suitable draw in the second round we will be in the semi-finals.

Europe's No.1 footballer writes for Match Weekly

it will still be a little bit new - as it is for my own club Hamburg. We last won a league championship in 1960 (three years before the Bundesliga was formed) and you may remember that we were ejected from the European Cup that year by Burnley, then among the top sides in Britain.

Remember that Hamburg have seven full internationals. Many British fans will remember our full-back Manfred Kaltz for the way he played against Wales in the European Championship clash at Ninian Park last season. He provided the crosses for both the German goals. His experience will be invaluable to Hamburg in Europe.

In addition to me, the only other non-German in the team is Yugoslav International Ivan Buljan, another very good player. You may remember that he captained Yugoslavia and marked me when England played them. He had a tremendous season for us last year.

Our goalkeeper, Rudi Kargus, has also played for Germany, winning three caps as understudy to the great Sepp Maier. The only thing we cannot afford is injuries. We have a squad of only 19 players and if we get one or two injuries, particularly if they are among the forwards, you can count us out.

Injuries or no injuries, you can bet that I will be out to put one over on my old Liverpool mates if my dream of a final meeting with them should come true. I have a score to settle with them.

My first game for Hamburg against Liverpool was a friendly (part of the transfer agreement) and we won 3-2 at home. But it was a different story when we met



them in the Super Cup - a two-leg affair between the European Champions and European Cup Winners' Cup holders. We drew 2-2 in Hamburg, but crashed 6-0 at Anfield!

Though I'm not looking to go to Anfield and win, I am hoping that we would at least put a show up to make amends for that 6-0 shambles. Cheers for now - see you next Thursday.



Brian Clough and Peter Taylor have come nearest to 'doing a Liverpool' - but I reckon they're still a couple of years behind.

match action

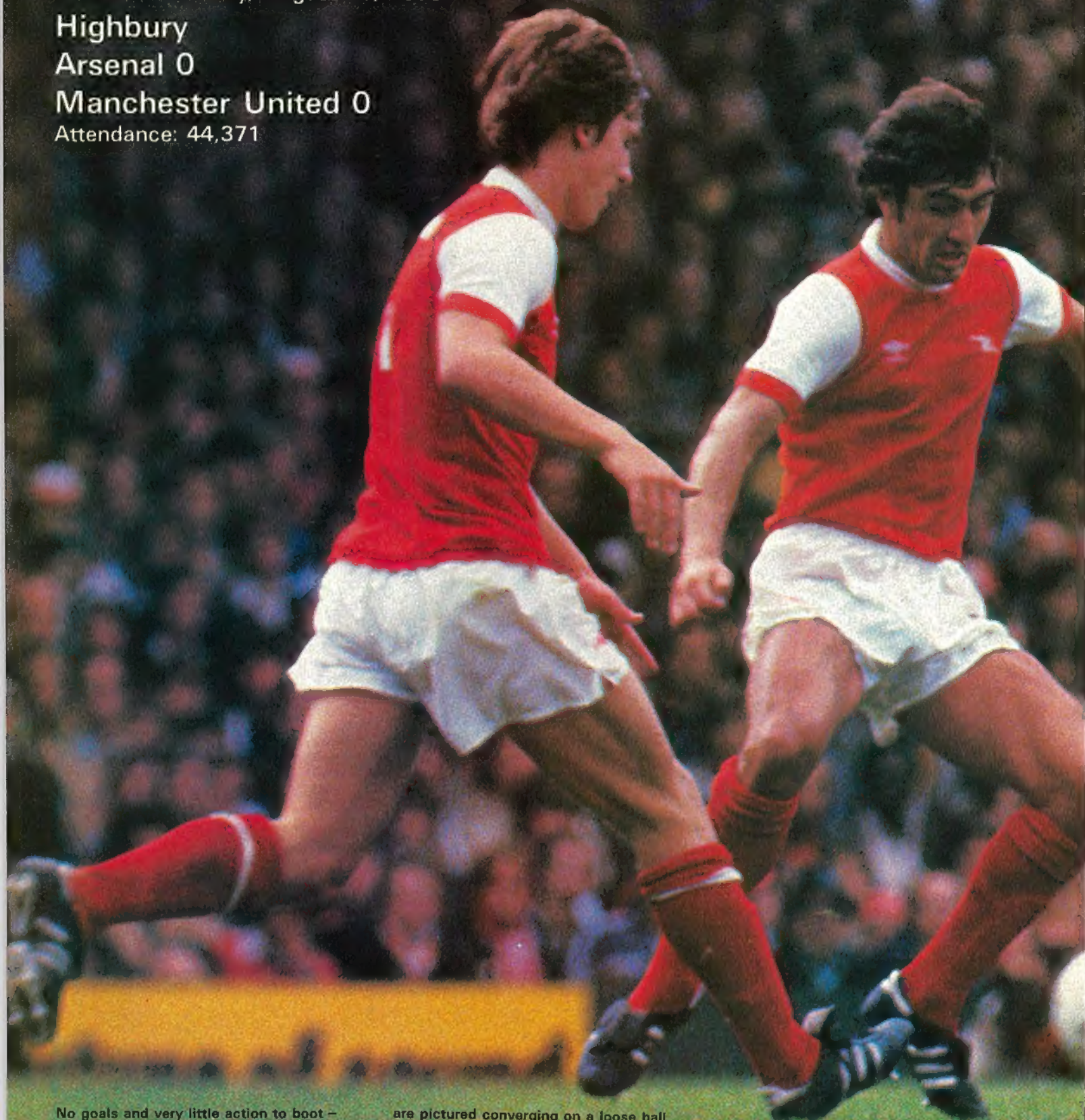
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Highbury

Arsenal 0

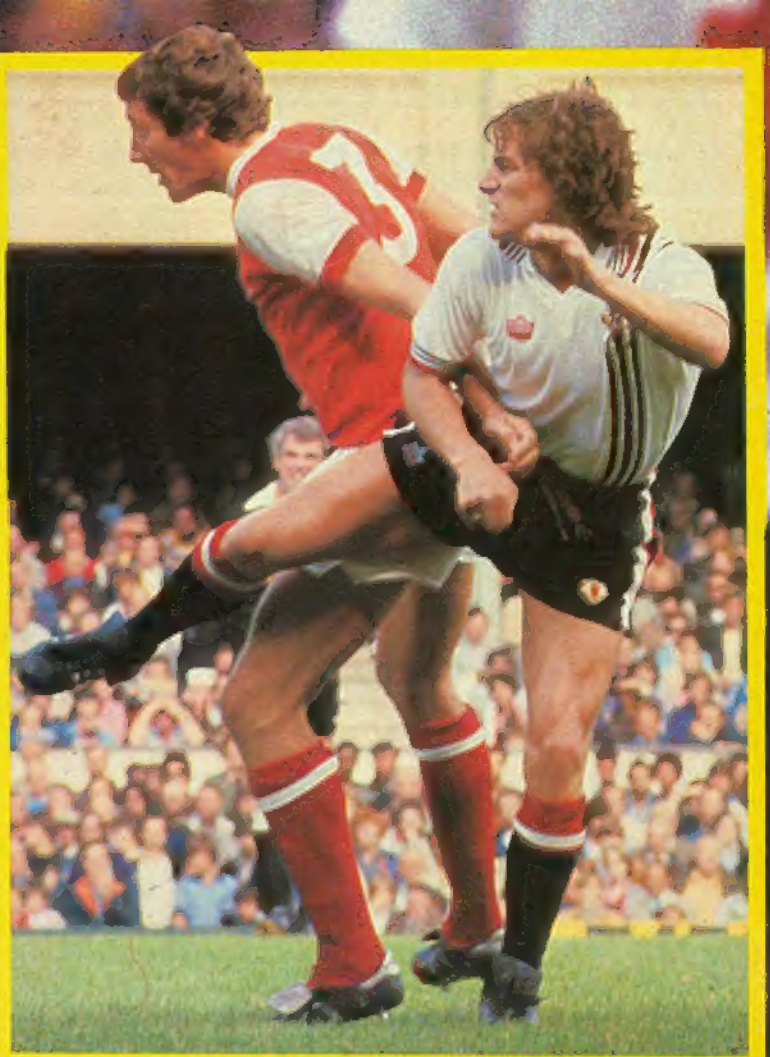
Manchester United 0

Attendance: 44,371



No goals and very little action to boot — that was this year's Arsenal v Manchester United clash, traditionally one of the highlights of the season. Both teams put everything into it but were unable to carve out many chances. Steve Gattin (left) and Brian Talbot of Arsenal

are pictured converging on a loose ball with United's Joe Jordan. Also pictured right (top) are Sammy Nelson and Steve Coppel in a keen tussle and (bottom) Jordan and Willie Young who were never far apart for the 90 minutes.



REEVES

The cool Canary

HIS manager rates him so highly that he offers him a new contract every three weeks.

Malcolm Allison was prepared to smash the record transfer fee to fit him into a Manchester City shirt.

The player himself says he has to improve his game if he's to be worth all that money — "my shooting leaves a lot to be desired".

His name is Kevin Reeves. Twenty-one-year-old Young England striker. And the ace in the surprise Norwich City pack that shocked the football world when they became the season's first league leaders.

The sight of the Canaries perched at the top of the tree was even more surprising in view of the colossal £1¼ million Reeves bid which Allison tossed on their plate just two days before the great kick-off.

It could have had an unsettling effect on the team. Instead the reverse happened. Delighted at the Board's decision to turn down the offer Norwich responded with a super performance to trounce Everton 4-2 away on the opening day.

There was no danger either of Reeves letting it prey on his mind. He took it all in the same positive stride he uses to skate away from defenders.

"It was a funny situation because I just did not know what to do," Reeves said.

"Fortunately the Board took the decision out of my hands. The only thing that would have tempted me was the money" — Reeves stood to gain £50,000 from the deal.

"But I'm happy at Norwich and don't want to think about moving for another five or six years.

"I've got so much to learn and I

honestly don't think I can better myself anywhere else.

"The facilities at Carrow Road are first-class and the coaching staff are tremendous.

"Under John Bond I have added so much to my game. I've become aware of the value of running off the ball and finding space.

"But I won't be happy until I become a more regular goalscorer. I'm aiming for 20 goals a season at least."

Goals or not Reeves is destined to become one of the biggest names in the eighties and a dead cert for full England honours to go with his England Under-21 and B caps.

He has the lot. Superb close control and distribution, strength on the ball and in the air, an uncanny awareness of his team-mates and first-class temperament.

For proof just ask Ron Greenwood. The England supremo was delighted with Reeves' form on the England summer tour.

Or listen to John Bond. "Kevin Reeves is a jewel. He is a quality player off the field as well as on it. He will never get involved in any trouble.

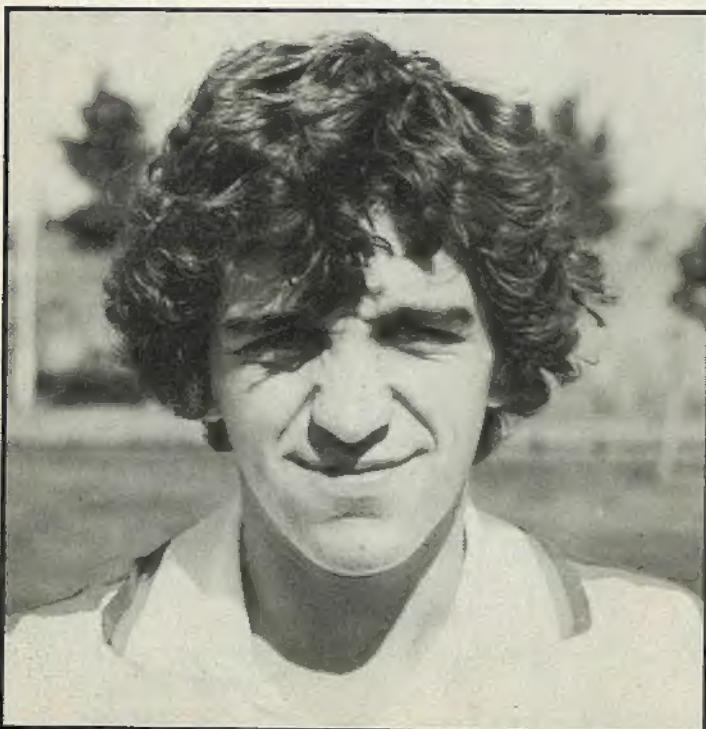
"I honestly believe he will develop into a second Kevin Keegan and you can't ask for higher praise than that.

"Reeves recently signed a contract which keeps him at Carrow Road until 1985. But he's doing so well I have to give him a new contract every three weeks!

"We could have sold him and pocketed a lot of money. But what's the point of letting him come down



● Kevin Reeves in England U-21 colours — how long before he makes the jump into the senior side?



here and torment us when you can use him to torment others?"

It was Bond, formerly in charge at Bournemouth, who remembered the potential of the young Kevin Reeves when he sought a replacement for Phil Boyer. Reeves had been with the South Coast club since he was 13.

In 1976 Bond signed him on a month's loan with a view to a £50,000 transfer. Despite an unconvincing debut at Arsenal, Bond knew he had struck gold and had no hesitation in making the move permanent.

But even Bond could not have foreseen the giant strides his signing has made. Now the quiet country boy from Hampshire is hot property and constantly in demand by the media.

That demand will increase if, as seems certain, Ron Greenwood gives Reeves the nod for full England honours.

He said he loved the atmosphere and involvement in being a member of England's summer tour party when he scored two goals against Bulgaria for the Under-21's and made his B team debut against Austria.

"Obviously I want to play in the senior side but am prepared to wait

two or three years for my chance. If it happens I will be overwhelmed. It's something I've always dreamed about."

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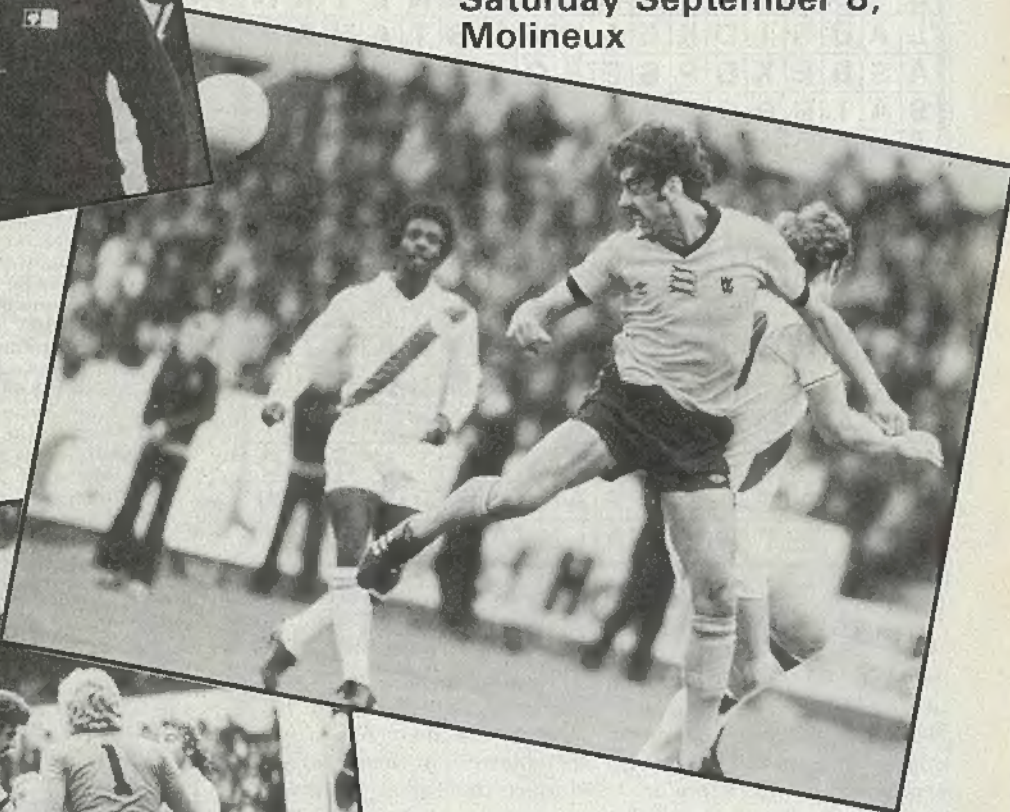
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Dateline,
Saturday September 8,
Molineux



ABOVE:
Andy Gray acknowledges the cheers
of the crowd with manager John
Barnwell after his £1.5 million signing.

RIGHT:
Heads you lose! Geoff Palmer,
breaks down a Palace attack with a
determined header.



LEFT:
Action in the Wolves goalmouth, featuring
Swindlehurst (9), Berry (6), Hughes (5), Palmer
(2) and Bradshaw (1).

BELOW:
Willie Carr (black shorts) chases back for
Wolves.



ANDY Gray became British Soccer's third million pound signing on Saturday, when he joined Wolves in front of 24,500 fans at Molineux.

Wolves and Aston Villa completed the £1,469,000 deal after Gray had passed a morning fitness test, but unfortunately the signing was not completed in time for Gray to be eligible for Wolves visit of Crystal Palace.

Before the end he had seen enough of the task facing him and left his grandstand seat to ponder his future, his likely new striking partner Wayne Clarke, having earned Wolves a point with a neat lob in the 52nd minute to equalise Dave Swindlehurst's Palace opener.

HALF TIME



TEAM TEASER

The names listed here are hidden in the diagram. They run in all directions – vertically, horizontally, or diagonally. Many are printed backwards. But they are always in a continuous straight line, with all the letters in their proper sequence. Some letters are used more than once, others on the grid aren't used at all.

As you find the solutions, put a line through them. Check the result against the grid on page 32.

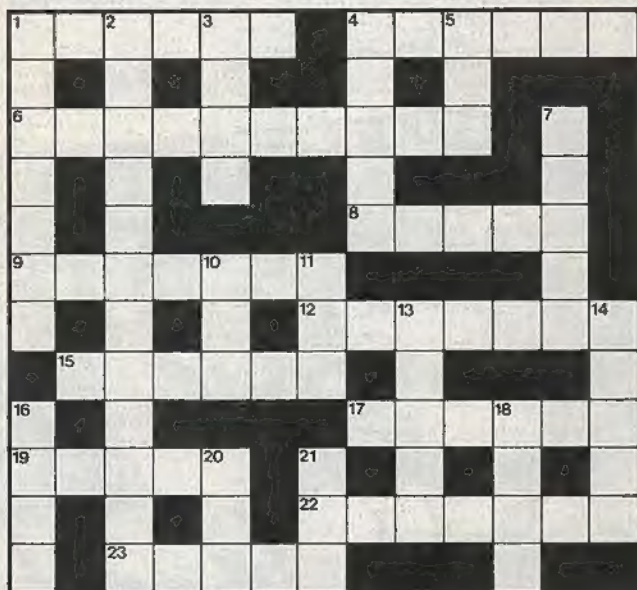
ANDY GRAY
ALAN GUY
ALBERTO TARANTINI

ASA HARTFORD
COLIN TODD
DALGLISH

FRANCIS
GERD MULLER
IAN WALLACE
JENNINGS

JOE COOKE
JOHN TOSHACK
KEITH BOWKER
KEVIN KEEGAN
LAURIE CUNNINGHAM

MICK PACKER
NICK JOHNS
ROBBIE JAMES
TOMMY SMITH
TREVOR PEAKE



Name _____ Age _____
Address _____

How's your soccer knowledge? Here's your chance to see how you square up to the man who this year won the title of BBC Radio Brain of Sport, Julian Pincher, who compiled this week's brain teasing quiz.

Turn to page 32 for the answers. If you got all 20 correct, you too could be in the running for the Brain of Sport title! Between 10 and 20 correct – you're a pretty knowledgeable fan, well above average. Below 10... keep practising – and read your *MATCH WEEKLY* every week!

1. Which team won the F.A. Vase in 1976–79
2. Name the current footballer of the year
3. Which player was sent off in the 1979 Scottish League Cup Final
4. Who was runner-up to Kevin Keegan in the 1978 European footballer of the year poll
5. Which team defeated Liverpool in the 1978 European Super Cup Final
6. Which player did Everton sign from Worcester City for £30,000, setting a new record for a non-league player
7. From which club did Manchester City sign Kazimierz Deyna
8. Which current British International won a U.E.F.A. Cup Winners' Medal with P.S.V. Eindhoven in 1978
9. Who scored Northern Ireland's only goal in the 1979 home internationals
10. Who scored the winning goal for Tottenham Hotspur in the 1973 League Cup Final
11. Name the last team before Crystal Palace to win the F.A. Youth Cup in successive seasons
12. Newport County suffered the heaviest ever defeat by a football league side against a non-league side. Which London side beat them 6–0 in the F.A. Cup in 1970
13. Which two countries lost all their matches during the 1978 World Cup Finals in Argentina
14. Who were England's opponents in Ron Greenwood's first match as manager
15. Hungary were the first country to beat England in this country, but who were the second to achieve this feat
16. Which two World Cup winning captains played for New York Cosmos in 1978
17. Who refereed the first-ever European Cup Final
18. Who were the first club from behind the Iron Curtain to reach the final of the European Cup Final
19. How did M. P. Betts make soccer history
20. Who were the only unbeaten team in the 1978 World Cup Finals

Just how much do YOU know about football? Why not find out by having a go at the *MATCH WEEKLY* crossword? If you are as good as you think you are you could win a super 32-panel black and white leather football absolutely FREE!

How to enter: Just write your answers on the crossword in ballpoint pen and send the crossword, together with the completed address coupon, to *MATCH WEEKLY* Crossword, Midgate House, Midgate, Peterborough.

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The Editor's decision is final and legally binding. No correspondence can be entered into. The competition is open to all readers in Great Britain and N. Ireland, Eire, Channel Islands and Isle of Man – excluding employees of *MATCH WEEKLY* and EMAP and their families.

ACROSS

1. Where to look for Cloughie?
4. England winger now with W.B.A.
6. North Eastern team.
8. Big Willie at Arsenal.
9. Dean Hems turns into a good centre-half. (anag)
12. You'll find 'em at Portman Road.

15. Leeds, Manchester, Cambridge or Oxford?
17. Second Division team that doesn't sound too tasty!
19. Q.P.R. goalie.
22. Sid Lear becomes Argentinian ace. (anag)
23. Do they really play baseball at their ground?

DOWN

1. Norwich star.
2. England manager (3.9).
3. Stamford Bridge's popular end.
4. Leading Irish Gunner.
5. Favourite colour at Anfield.
7. Popular term used to describe brilliant play.
10. Sort of trick attempted by strikers.

11. Part of the field teams like to dominate.
13. Type of defence a good team possesses.
14. Not draws or aways.
16. Gary usually plays along-side 4 across.
18. *Match of the day* man.
20. – Alf Ramsey.
21. Part of Wilkins that's sunny.

IT NEEDS cash — hard cash and plenty of it — to make the jump from Second Division to the First a successful one.

Not only do you have to have it, you have to spend it in the right areas and on the right players. For that reason I fancy Crystal Palace to do a better job in the First than their two promotion partners Stoke and Brighton.

Palace already had a young and talented side when they won promotion, but their manager Terry Venables knew that his squad needed strengthening to match up to their new requirements.

So he weighed up the pros and cons and spent about £1m on two players of proven ability.

He paid around £400,000 to Queen's Park Rangers for Gerry Francis and, although the lad has had his injury problems, he knows what the game is all about. He can provide the experience Palace no doubt need.

And then Venables continued his shopping by paying something like £650,000 to Charlton for Mike Flanagan, who has got the ability to score a goal. It's something of a habit with him.

Palace have done precisely what we did two years earlier and, although I'm not going to say they will come straight in and win the League, I fancy them to do reasonably well.

Peter Taylor, myself and the players were some 30,000 feet up in a plane on our way to the Spanish sun when we heard that Wolves had beaten Bolton and we were 99.9 per cent certain of promotion two seasons ago.

It was all hand shakes and back slapping, but once the euphoria had settled down and the reality set in, we knew we would not survive in the First Division with the squad of players we had on holiday.

So in the close-season we went out and bought Kenny Burns for £140,000 (what a buy that was) and made inquiries about Peter



STROUD



It all fitted into place for us when we signed an England goalkeeper, Scotland's captain Archie Gemmill (above) and sweeper Kenny Burns.



A lot of people laughed at the £170,000 fee I paid for Colin Todd — but he went on to make a mockery of his price tag.

Shilton and Archie Gemmill.

We had been turned down four times by Derby in our bid to sign Gemmill but we knew that signing Shilton — as we did early in the season — would give us bargaining power because Tommy Docherty fancied our goalkeeper John Middleton.

It all fitted into place for us and within the space of a couple of months we had signed an England goalkeeper, Scotland's captain and Scotland's sweeper. That was three newcomers out of 11 — something like 27 per cent if my maths is right — and we knew then that we had a decent chance of not only surviving, but doing quite well.

It's history that we went on to win the League but we would have stood no chance without going out and backing our judgement with new signings.

Obviously, managers want to give a side that wins promotion a chance in the higher sphere but you have to be honest with yourself and decide whether they are good enough.

We won promotion for Derby

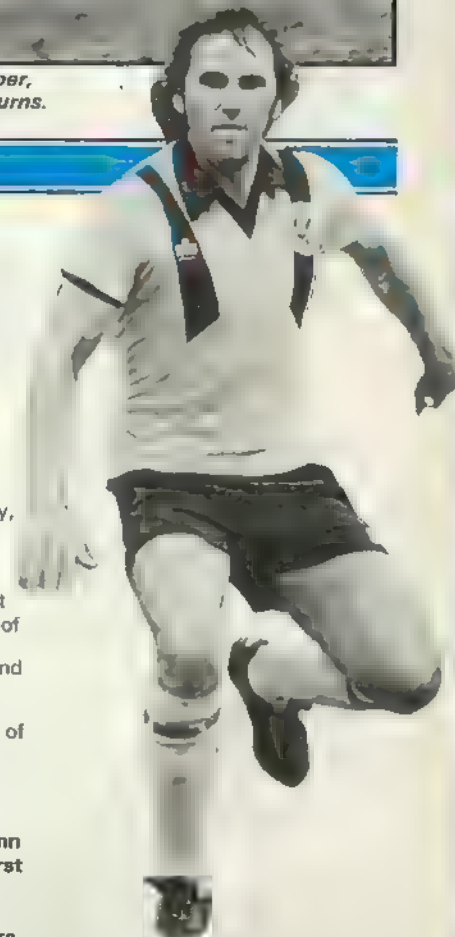
Gerry Francis can provide the experience needed at Crystal Palace. He knows what the game is all about.

with a player called Dave Mackay, who was one of the most influential back four players you could think of.

But it didn't stop me going out and buying Colin Todd for a fee of £170,000 that a lot of people laughed at. For a time Mackay and Todd played together, but Todd eventually took over at the back and went on to make a mockery of his price tag.

Like I said, you have to back your own judgement.

In NEXT THURSDAY'S column I will talk about the Forest first team squad and those vital decisions which go towards building a good pool of players.



match makers

ANDY ROLLINGS

Brighton & Hove Albion

Full Name Andrew Nicholas Rollings
Birthplace/Date North Weston, Bristol, 14th December 1954
Height/Weight 6ft 2ins, 13st
Married Yes, to Judith
Children None
Car Capri
Previous Clubs Norwich
Club Nickname Roly
Worst Ever Injury I damaged my knee ligaments in a game for Brighton against Bolton
Favourite British Player And Why Dave Watson – the best player in my position
Favourite Other Team Bristol City
Favourite Foreign Player And Why Rivelino – he's left-footed like me
Best All-Time British Team The 1968 Manchester United European Cup winning team
My All-Time International XI The 1970 Brazilian World Cup winning team
Favourite Away Ground Ipswich
Favourite Stadium At Which You Have Played Anfield
Best Goal Scored A 20-yard header against Bury
Best Goal Seen Scored Paul Clark's 30-yard drive for Brighton against Orient
Most Difficult Opponent Brendan O'Caraghan (Stoke)
Most Memorable Match When we played Sheffield Wednesday and won promotion from Division Three
Own Magic Moment In Football Final whistle at Newcastle when we won promotion to Division One
Biggest Disappointment In Football John Bond of Norwich telling me that I would never play in the first team
Favourite Other Sports Tennis, squash
Miscellaneous Likes Eating out, fishing
Miscellaneous Dislikes Gardening
Favourite TV Sport Football
TV Show You Always Switch Off Politics
Favourite Reading Pele's life story, Keegan's autobiography
Favourite Musician/Singers Earth, Wind and Fire
Favourite Food Home cooking, roast beef
Favourite Drink Lager
Best Country Visited America, Switzerland
Favourite Actor/Actress Barbra Streisand
Best Film Seen In '79 One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest
Best Friend My wife
Biggest Influence On Career Tony Knapp, Norwich reserve team coach
What Don't You Like About Football Travelling to away games
Pre-Match Meal Fish
International Honours None
Personal Ambition To start a business and be financially secure
Professional Ambition To win a major honour and play for England
Career After Playing Coach
A Player For The Eighties Brighton's Gary Stevens
Who Would You Most Like To Meet The Queen, preferably at Wembley
Advice To Youngsters Never to give up

Andy Rollings



match makers

RICARDO VILLA Spurs and Argentina

Full Name: Ricardo Julio Villa
Birthplace/Date: Roque Perez, about 70 miles from Buenos Aires, August 18, 1952
Height/Weight: 6ft 13st 3lb
Married: Yes to Cristina
Children: None
Car: Rover 2600
Previous Clubs: Racing Club
Trade Before Turning Pro: School boy
Club Nickname: Ricky
Worst Ever Injury: Last year I strained ligaments in my right knee and was out for two months
Favourite British Player And Why: Kenny Dalglish - he is so talented on the ball and scores goals
Favourite Other Team: Liverpool
Favourite Foreign Player And Why: My favourite player playing abroad is Kevin Keegan. My favourite foreign player is Argentinian team-mate Daniel Passarella. I chose them for the same reason - they are great players and great people
Best British Team: Shelton, Anderson, Thompson, Lloyd, Mills, Wilkins, Kennedy, Brady, Coppell, Daighish, Robertson
All Time International XI: Yashin (Russia), Alberto (Brazil), Peluso (Argentina), Passarella (Argentina), Maradona (Argentina), Gerson (Brazil), Codoalzo (Brazil), Cruyff (Holland), Keegan (England), Pele (Brazil), Best (Northern Ireland)
Favourite Away Ground: Aston Villa
Favourite Stadium At Which You Have Played: Bernabeu Stadium, Real Madrid
Best Goal Scored: My first for Spurs last season in the opening game against Nottingham Forest. It was only from close range but it was memorable
Best Goal Seen Scored: Maradona's first goal for Argentina in the '78 World Cup Final
Most Difficult Opponent: Phil Thompson (Liverpool)
Most Memorable Match: My first game for Tottenham against Nottingham Forest
Own Magic Moment In Football: Being part of the World Cup winning squad
Biggest Disappointment: My first three years as a professional - I was not happy with my game then
Favourite Other Sports: Tennis, motor racing
Miscellaneous Likes: Shooting and fishing
Miscellaneous Dislikes: Getting up in the mornings
Favourite TV: Any film
TV Show You Always Switch Off: Political broadcasts
Favourite Reading: Any magazine
Favourite Singer: Tom Jones
Favourite Food: Roast beef
Favourite Drink: White wine
Best Country Visited: France
Favourite Actor/Actress: Clint Eastwood, Sophia Loren
Best Friend: Osse Ardies
Biggest Influence On Career: Carlos Menotti, the Argentinian manager. He gave me so much confidence
What Don't You Like About Football: Goal marking
Superstitions: I always make sure my right leg is the first to touch the pitch as I run out
Pre Match Meal: Coffee and toast
International Honours: Argentinian full caps, Under 21's and Youth honours
Personal Ambition: To be happy with my family and friends
Professional Ambition: To win the league with Tottenham and play in Europe
Career After Playing: I shall probably go and work on my ranch in Argentina
A Player For The Eighties: Diego Maradona of Argentina
Who Would You Most Like To Meet: Muhammad Ali
Advice To Youngsters: To work hard all the time and not to get big-headed

Steve Perry

Into Europe... Into Europe...

Wednesday, Sept. 19

European Cup First Round

L'pool v Tbilisi (USSR)
Nottm. Forest
v Oesters (Sweden)
Partisan Tirana (Albania)
v Celtic
Dundalk or Linfield
v Hibs (Malta)

European Cup Winners' Cup First Round

Arsenal v Fenerbahce (Turkey) ...
Wrexham
v Magdeburg (E. Germany)
Cliftonville
v Nantes (France)
Rangers or Lillestrom
v Fortuna Dusseldorf
(W. Germany)

UEFA Cup First Round

Valetta (Malta) v Leeds
Carl Zeiss Jena (E. Germany)
v W.B.A.
Everton v Feyenoord (Holland) ...
Skeid Oslo (Norway)
v Ipswich
Aberdeen
v Frankfurt (W. Germany)
Dundee v Anderlecht (Belgium)
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Glenavon
v Standard Liege (Belgium)

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OSLO

IPSWICH

IT WILL be no surprise if Ipswich go through to the second round for their opponents have cleared the first hurdle only once in several seasons of European competition.

Skeid Oslo have represented Norway in all three Euro Cups. Their best season was in 69-70 when they managed to reach the second round of the Fairs Cup, the forerunner of the UEFA Cup.

Skeid are managed by Jacek Gmoch who was in charge of the Poland team in the '78 World Cup. Captain Tor Egil Johansen also skips the National side. He has more than 40 caps.

Goalkeeper Nygaard fulfils the same role for Norway and central defender Vinje has just made his first appearance for his country.

Skeid have won their own Cup eight times and been League Champions once. Their home pitch is the Ullevaal national stadium and will not be unfamiliar to Ipswich's George Burley and John Wark, who played there for Scotland.

CARL ZEISS JENA

WEST BROM

THE reaction of Carl Zeiss Jena to their UEFA Cup first round draw must fill West Bromwich Albion with confidence.

"I don't know a more difficult draw," said their manager Hans Meyer. "Twice before we have had to play against English teams. Leeds in '71 and Wolves in '72. In both cases the English teams were better."

Founded in 1950, CZ Jena are East Germany's most famous club having competed in European competitions 11 times. They have played 58 matches with 29 victories, 12 draws and 17 defeats.

Jena pride themselves on attacking football. They field one of the youngest attacking trios anywhere in the world - Topfner (21), Raab (20) and Trocha (21).

DUNDEE UNITED

ANDERLECHT

FOR Dundee United it looked very much a case of 'here we go again' when the draw brought them a match against Belgium club Anderlecht.

After seeing their heroes lose to Standard Liege in the first round last year, the Tannadice Park club are not looking forward with any great relish to this one.

The big names in the once famous, and still powerful, Belgium side are Austrian goalkeeper Friedel Koncilia and Dutch stars Arie Haan and Rob Rensenbrink.

EVERTON

FEYENOORD

FEYENOORD, one of Holland's most famous sides, have undergone a transfusion of young blood in the last year and are back to rival Europe's best.

But their new boys will need more time to knit together before the side is equal to the one which lifted the European Cup in 1970 and the UEFA Cup four years later.

Feyenoord skipper Wim Jansen seems a likely non-starter for the Everton game. A muscle strain has kept him out of most of the early season action.

Three new players have been added to the squad: Van Engelen, a goalkeeper from PSV Eindhoven; sweeper Ivan Nielsen, a Danish International and Roger Albertsen, a mid-field signing from P.C. Den Haag and a Norwegian International.

Everton will need to keep a close watch on a forward line that is never short of goals. In fact Petrus Petrusson who plays left-wing, scored all five of Feyenoord's goals in the first three games.

ABERDEEN

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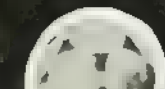
ABERDEEN manager Alex Ferguson took the precaution of checking on UEFA Cup opponents Eintracht Frankfurt and confirmed the Dons face a very stiff hurdle indeed.

The personality of the Frankfurt side is Austrian star Bruno Pezzey who scored twice in the recent International with England.

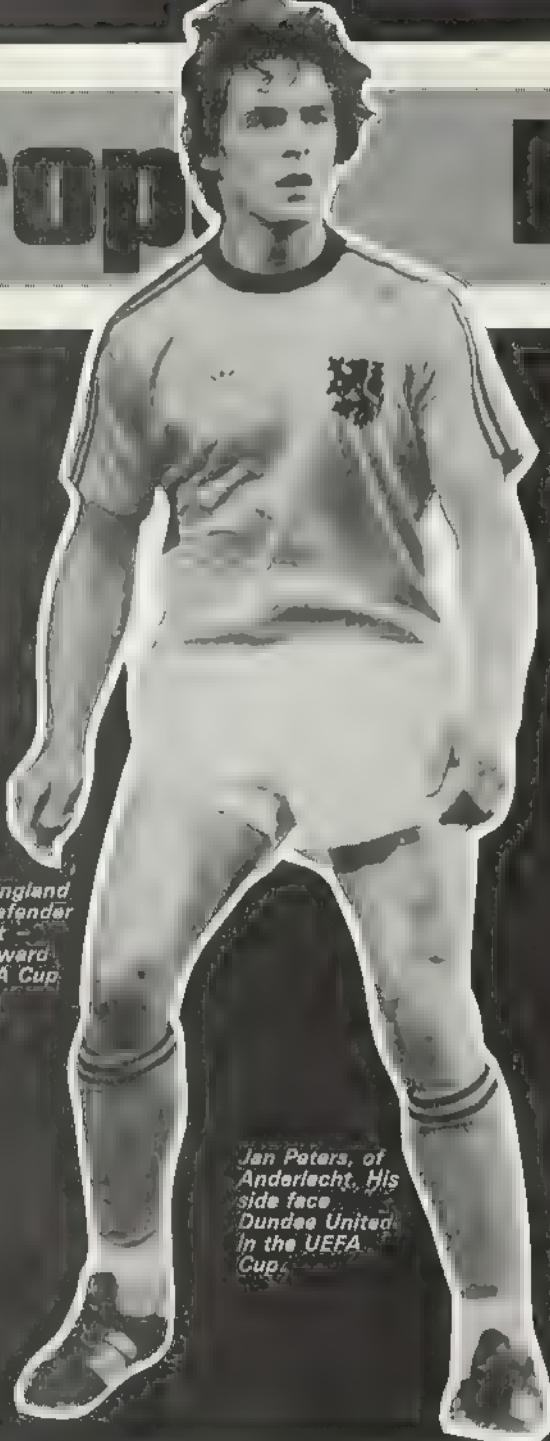
After a sticky start to the season Aberdeen seem to be coming into something like their real form.



Dutch international full-back Wim Jansen, of Feyenoord.



Europe Into Europe



Everton's England Under-21 defender Billy Wright looking forward to the UEFA Cup clash with Feyenoord.

Jan Peters, of Anderlecht. His side face Dundee United in the UEFA Cup.

EUROPEAN CUP

NOTTM. FOREST

v OESTERS I.F.

OESTERS I.F., Nottingham Forest's Swedish opponents as they begin their defence of the European Cup, have not had a very confidence-inspiring start in their own League.

But they dropped out a gentle reminder to Brian Clough's men recently that they might not have things all their own way over the two ties.

Oesters picked themselves up to beat Malmö 2-0 away from home and that kind of victory, over the side beaten by a Trevor Francis goal in Munich last May, is bound to give the Swedes a bit of heart.

Formed in the late 1930s, Oesters won the Swedish First Division for the first time in 1969 following a sudden rise from the obscurity of the Third Division.

Last year they carried off the title for a second time, pipping Malmö by three points. The man who led them to the Championship was Lars Arnesson, but he's now left to take charge of the Swedish Under-21 squad. He is being tipped to become the next Swedish manager.

His place has been taken by Bosse Johansson with Tommy Svensson, the former Standard Liege player and winner of 50 caps as his assistant.

Oesters best-known player is Björn Andersson, who was carried off injured while playing for Bayern Munich in their 2-0 victory over Leeds in the final of the 1975 European Cup.

The longest-serving player is sweeper Per-Olaf Bild, an influential figure in a defence that adopts a man-to-man marking system. Bild, now 32, is the only man left from Oesters 1968 Championship side.

When it comes to scoring goals Oesters look chiefly to Icelandic international Teitur Thordarsson who spearheaded the way to the title. Unfortunately for Oesters, his scoring touch has recently deserted him.

LIVERPOOL

v DYNAMO TBILISI

DYNAMO Tbilisi have had an incredible run of success over the last three years.

Since Nodar Asakaci took over as trainer in 1976 Tbilisi have won the USSR Cup for the first time and finished third, second and first in successive seasons in the League.

Asakaci transformed his team into a brilliant attacking unit and packed it with superb ball players.

Most of the team play in the national side. The star is undoubtedly 22-year-old Shangelia who scored 15 goals last year.

Other players Liverpool will have to watch closely are Gucetev Kipilani, player of the year in '77, and captain Maczajadza, who plays in mid field.

PARTIZAN

v CELTIC

IF THE European Cup tie between Celtic and Partizan Tirana, of Albania, produces half as much excitement as the pre-match incidents then it should be a memorable tie.

With memories still fresh of the travel and hotel ordeal suffered by both Kilmarnock and Hibs, the Scottish FA requested UEFA to send an observer "of some standing" to Tirana to supervise the trip.

Predictably the Albanians responded by promptly slashing Celtic's visa allocation in half — a fact which would have forced them to take two players less than they intended and to leave the entire press squad off their flight.

Celtic in turn issued an ultimatum — co-operate or we pull out of the tournament and with UEFA's intervention all is now well.

Tirana are no strangers to the European Cup — having won their domestic title no less than 11 times! Last season they took the title by just one point from 17 Nedoric Tirana. It made up for an unusually barren spell in the League — the last time they were successful was in 1971.

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP

ARSENAL

v FENERBAHCE (TURKEY)

FENERBAHCE are best-known for their giant-killing act of 1968 when they dumped Manchester City out of the European Cup.

The Turkish team have won 1,400 trophies in their 72-year history and, before winning their Cup competition last year, were successful in the League Championship.

The team is packed with experience.

Captain is forward Camil Turan who has played 55 times for his country. Rasit Cetiner has 41 caps and defender Alpaslan Eratli 32.

Fenerbahce manager is Sukru Ersoy who played in goal for the team between 1953 and '62. He has trained several teams in Turkey, winning three national championships.

RANGERS

v FORTUNA DUSSELDORF

HAVING disposed of part-time Norwegian side Lillestrom in none too convincing fashion in the preliminary round, Rangers would appear to have got too much on their plate with strong running Fortuna Düsseldorf, runners-up in this competition last season.

Like Rangers, who fought out a three-match marathon with Hibs, Düsseldorf made the competition with an extra-time winner over Hertha Berlin in the West German Cup Final.

With Rangers' John Greig and German coach Dieter Tippenhauer both in their mid-30's, the game will produce a fascinating duel between two of the youngest coaches in their respective countries.

WREXHAM

v F.C. MAGDEBURG

FC Magdeburg are the most successful East German side in recent years and are certain to provide the stiffest possible test for Wrexham in the first round of the European Cup Winners' Cup.

In the last two seasons Magdeburg have twice won the GDR Cup and clinched the League title. They are also the only East German team to enjoy success in Europe — winning the Cup Winners' Cup in '74 when they defeated AC Milan 2-0 in Rotterdam.

Magdeburg field the country's leading goalscorer, Streich, who topped the list with 23 goals. Their most experienced player is Wolfgang Seguin who has played 344 League matches.

Newsbriefs



Tom Ritchie. a new record after four successive spot kicks.

TOM Ritchie the Bristol City penalty king, set a record by converting spot kicks in four successive matches. There's no record of any parallel to such a penalty 'break', even when Francis Lee converted 15 penalties (13

League, 2 League Cup) for Manchester City in 1972-73, an all-time record.

Pre-war Everton full back Billy Cook, an Irish international signed from Celtic, held the previous break record with three in three matches

Ali tops the 'stars' list

ASK any man or boy to name his sporting hero and it is likely to be a footballer. But who are the sportsmen, the soccer pros admire most? It certainly isn't other footballers, at least as far as Sunderland's players are concerned. A pool among the Roker Park stars brought this result

Steve Whitworth, Bob Lee and Roly Gregoire go for Muhammad Ali. Gary Rowell and Wayne Entwistle are staunch fans of cricketer, Geoffrey Boycott. Alan Brown's hero is racing driver, Niki Lauda and Gordon Chisholm's glory boy is Bjorn Borg.

Mick Buckley goes for golfer Jack Nicklaus. Mick Docherty is a John Conteh fan and Wilf Rostron chooses Olympic swimming star Mark Spitz.

WATCH out for young Rochdale striker Mark Hilditch. The manager of the Fourth Division club, Doug Collins, reckons he is the next Kevin Keegan. Remember that Hamburg star Keegan started life at Scunthorpe, playing in the first team at 17.

HOW many of you know that Liverpool signed England full-back Phil Neal immediately after they had seen him play in goal for Northampton?

Chief scout Geoff Twentyman was sent for a final report when Northampton met Rotherham. Neal played half the game in goal when the Town 'keeper was injured.

Neal's ability in goal has not been forgotten. If Ray Clemence had sustained an injury during the club's pre-season tour to West Germany and Denmark, Neal would have taken over between the sticks. Clemence was the only 'keeper on the tour

FASHANU PACKS PUNCH

DEFENDERS should learn from the example of Spurs' Colin Lee who found that it doesn't pay to meddle with Norwich's exciting coloured striker Justin Fashanu.

Lee was booked after cutting Fashanu down with a late tackle in the recent game at Carrow Road. As the resulting free kick sailed into the area the two players clashed again, Fashanu landing a left hook that promptly earned him the yellow card.

What Lee didn't realise is that the powerful Fashanu is a former England schoolboy boxing champion and is well used to swapping punches!

City manager John Bond is



MANCHESTER City's two star teenagers, Tommy Caton and Steve MacKenzie, have played themselves out of international honours!

As both are First Division regulars they were not considered for the England youth squad currently taking part in the eight-nation tournament in Yugoslavia.

MacKenzie, the £300,000 recruit from Crystal Palace, and cost-nothing Caton would almost certainly have been selected... but senior international honours will surely not be far away.

One City member in the squad is Steve Kinsey — a player that former Maine Road favourite Gary Owen tips to go a long way.

trying to calm his young striker's temperament and said after the game that Fashanu was liable to a hefty fine. Norwich have a three man jury who decide on punishments for booking offences.



Justin Fashanu: former England schoolboy boxing champion.

Gordon Milne, has no doubts that expensive signing Gary Collier will be a great asset to Coventry... despite his decision to drop him after just one game.

"The lad's going through a period of readjustment," Milne said, "I have told him to forget about the fee because money is only relative".

Big 'Mac' bounces back

Derby's dreaded start to the season has failed to obscure the superb form of former England centre-half Roy McFarland.

In fact many people are saying there is no better English centre-half in the game at the moment... better even than Dave Watson who has worn the England number 5 shirt with such distinction in the past.

McFarland was once again the pick of the Derby team in their recent game at Crystal Palace — but even he was powerless to prevent the Palace onslaught that produced four goals.

It is nothing less than the talented McFarland deserves after three damaging years of injury.

His 'comeback' game, the season's opener at West Brom., earned him rave notices. Albion manager Ron Atkinson said afterwards that McFarland would regain his England place if he maintained that form



Roy McFarland: a booking in the League Cup tie against Middlesbrough.



Hartford transfer boosts Forest teenagers

THE development of Nottingham Forest's teenage stars Gary Mills and Colin Walsh was one of the less publicised reasons why Brian Clough said yes to the transfer of Scottish international Asa Hartford to Everton.

Although relatively unknown away from Trentside, the talented pair have rapidly built reputations for themselves in Forest's reserve side.

And Clough took a look at his impressive young stock before deciding that Everton manager Gordon Lee, disappointed at not getting Hartford during the summer, could have his man after all.

Despite the considerable flair of Mills and Walsh, Clough is anxious not to rush their progress and jeopardise their long-term futures.

"They are coming up and for all their ability they have got to be nursed along gradually," said the Forest manager. "We are playing three games a week virtually throughout this season and I expect youngsters to cope with what might be asking too much."

But we know that they are capable of coming in at any time. Gary Mills played in the European Cup when he was 16. He's been up against the likes of Currie and Ardiles in matches against Leeds and Tottenham and he's been booked out of place.

Young Mills (right) got into the League Cup side at Blackburn a couple of weeks ago and for a time he ran the show. There was nothing happening around him but he was the other player.

Mills has now had more than a handful of first team games and while Scotland youth star Walsh has yet to make his debut, he is regarded very much in the same light as his young clubmate.

Mills and Walsh apart, there were other reasons for the shock departure of Hartford after just two days at the City ground. The official explanation was that he did not fit into the Forest style and Clough and Peter Taylor were not prepared to change their system to suit him.



But it must also be taken into consideration that although Archie Gemmill had departed for Birmingham, Forest stills Martin Neil and Ian Bowyer had both signed new contracts since Hartford's summer arrival. It was conceivable that both Neil and Bowyer could have departed, leaving Forest short of mid-field players instead of overloaded with them.



● Asa Hartford

From terraces to the team

GARY Shaw may be a newcomer to the Aston Villa first team — but he is no newcomer to the First Division club's ground. He's been going there for 15 years.

The 18-year-old striker, who snapped two headed goals in Villa's second round (first leg) League Cup tie at Colchester, has accomplished what thousands of other youngsters can only dream about. He has progressed from the terraces to the team.

Gary has been going to Villa Park since his dad began taking him to matches at the age of five. "I dreamed of playing for Villa," he said. "And when I scored two goals in the same game — my first for the first team — it was a real thrill."

The teenager's chance came because of an injury to Brian Little — and after he had scored 22 goals in 21 matches in the reserves last season.

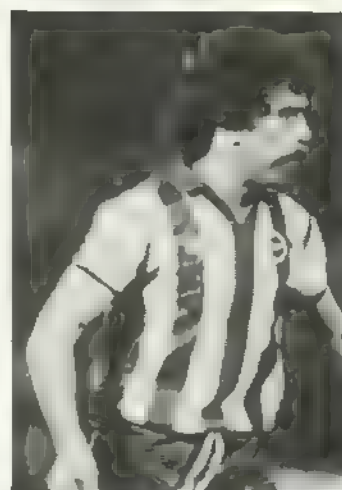
Peter O'Sullivan is on a winner

PETER O'Sullivan (Right) has always caught the eye in Brighton's successful attempts to get promotion from Divisions Two and Three in recent years. But, now in Division One, he is making his presence felt even more and has turned in some outstanding performances despite his team's poor start to the season.

Welshman O'Sullivan is relishing the new challenge and says he has never enjoyed his football more. "Players in the First Division have a lot more respect for you and let you play," he said.

"It is much easier to express yourself. And it's great to be on the same pitch as the Liam Brady's of this world. You can learn so much."

The former Manchester United apprentice is in his tenth year at Brighton and has a testimonial coming up at the end of the season. He is hoping his superb form will be noticed by Wales manager Mike Smith so that he can add to his two full caps.



SOCCER SHORTS

COVENTRY's new young scoring sensation Tommy English has much in common with his boyhood hero Jimmy Greaves.

Both come from Essex and both have the gift of being able to turn even the slightest half-chance into a goal.

They also share the record of scoring five goals in a game for Essex Schoolboys.

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THERE was no shortage of drink in manager John Bond's household to toast Norwich's great start to the season. After their early rise to the lofty heights of Division One Bond and his son Kevin, the Canaries full-back, soon had more reasons to celebrate.

Bond senior won a gallon of Whisky as the first Bells Manager of the Month for the season. And Kevin picked up a Jeroboam of champagne as the *Observer* Mumm Sports Personality of the Week for the two goals that sank Leeds and sent Norwich to the top.



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A NATIONAL newspaper has offered Tommy Docherty junior £15,000 to write his own story about life in the Tommy Docherty family. The young 'Doc', a freelance journalist in Manchester, has turned down the offer.

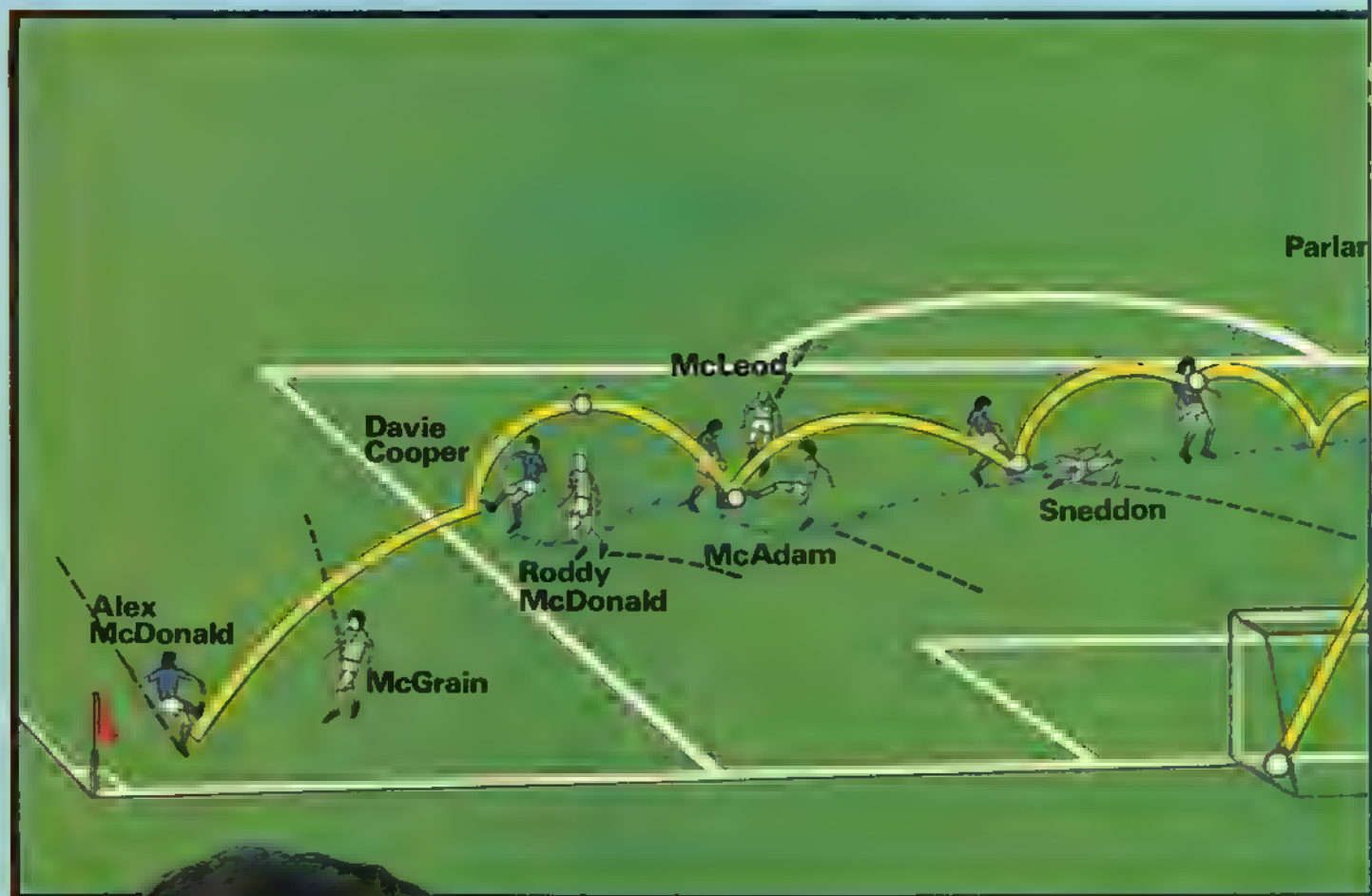
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QUOTE by Arsenal manager Terry Neill on Ray Wilkins' role for Manchester United in the goal-less draw at Highbury on August 25.

"He seemed to be so deep, the only player he was playing with was Gary Bailey, our goalkeeper!"

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GOLDEN GOAL



Davie Cooper (Rangers) v Celtic, Hampden Park, Glasgow, August 4, 1979.

One of the most spectacular goals ever seen at Hampden Park — and one that Davie Cooper will never forget.

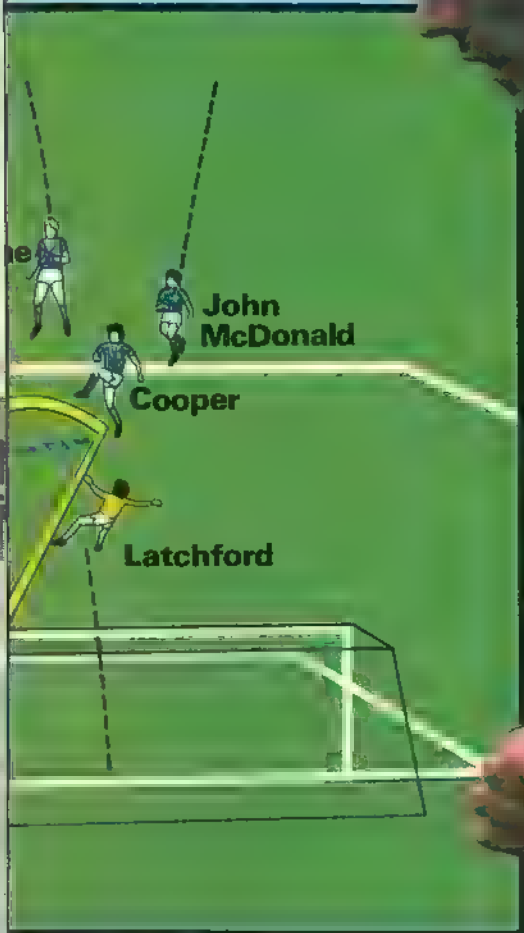
“It was like a dream come true” Cooper said. “I don’t think I’ll ever have the privilege of scoring one like that again.

“Everything clicked into place. In a way it was just like Archie Gemmill’s goal in the World Cup against Holland. “The momentum built up all the time. I had to keep going once I started. But I still can’t believe it all came good so smoothly.”

Cooper’s goal was even more surprising as he is more noted for his thunderous shooting than his close control. It was his shooting that once attracted the attention of Aston Villa and Arsenal — but at the time he preferred to stay with Clydebank. In 1977 Rangers snapped him up for £100,000.



LS



John McDonald

Cooper

Latchford

Drybrough Cup Final,

This is the goal that sent Rangers fans home from Hampden ecstatic while Celtic supporters streamed from the ground green with envy that, on this occasion, they didn't have a goalscorer of the calibre of Davie Cooper on their side. It was the first clash of the season between the 'Old Firm', and Cooper's solo effort sealed the Cup in brilliant style. Chesting down Alex McDonald's cross, he flicked the ball up and over the head of challenging Roddy McDonald then up again with his left foot, while skipping round Murdo McLeod and Tom McAdam. Ian Sneddon dashed in to try and retrieve the situation but again Cooper volleyed the looping ball over him and as Peter Latchford raced off his line, tucked a half volley into the corner of the net. Other scorers for Rangers in the 3-1 victory were teenager John McDonald and skipper Sandy Jardine — who scampered 90 yards through three would-be tacklers, before exploding a shot wide of Latchford. Bobby Lennox replied for off-colour Celtic. But it was Cooper who stole the show with a goal, Hampden will long remember.

Heading for goal — that's this week's all-action golden goalscorer Davie Cooper, the Rangers winger

Dignified exit for Hartford

ASA Hartford's transfer to Everton was one of the most sensible switches in recent weeks. Hartford's move to Nottingham Forest never looked like working out to those who know the way that Brian Clough likes to operate. The fact that both player and manager were quick to see that there was no future in the arrangement for either of them was a credit to their good sense.

Square pegs don't fit into round holes and Hartford will surely be a better member of Everton's squad than he was of Forest's.

Far better for people to recognise their mistakes and act on them rather than to let the discontent build up and possibly poison the spirit of the whole team.

Clough showed what good football management is all about and Hartford's exit was as dignified as you could expect in the circumstances.

Roger Crawshaw,
Neston

● We couldn't agree more. Brian Clough is a football manager and as such it is his job to buy and sell players until, in his opinion, he has found the right formula. Having decided that Hartford was not going to fit in he had no hesitation in selling the player. In view of the 'shock, horror' outcry that was inevitable the positive way in which Clough tackled the situation has to be admired.

Francis or Latchford

I WOULD not like to be in Ron Greenwood's shoes with two players like Latchford and Francis in his squad, each competing for the other's place. He has a difficult choice to make, to say the least. An awful lot of rubbish is bound to be talked between now and the next European Championship qualifying matches about which of the two deserves his place.

Some people say that Latchford should be the automatic choice, because Francis is more interested in playing for Detroit for big money than for his English League club or his country.

But they forget the difference that Francis made to England that night against Austria during the Spring tour and that Latchford was dropped by Everton after asking for a transfer.

I am sure Ron Greenwood will base all his selections on the best formula to find the right man for the right place at the right time, regardless of all the gossip and criticism about other matters. Really, I would like to see both players in the team.

Len Motson,
Leicester.

● As a manager Ron Greenwood must be happy to have two players vying for the same position. Whoever plays will know that he has to produce the goods to keep his place.



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Crazy Horse reigns

THE inclusion of Emlyn Hughes in the recently announced England squad has proved unpopular in many areas. Too old, too slow, a 'has been' - cry the critics.

What a pity that more people don't recognise the great qualities that this player has to offer any squad. Okay, so he's not as quick as he used to be. He would probably be the first to tell you so.

But Hughes has one quality more important than all the others... he WANTS to play for his country. Hughes loves to play for England, you only have to watch him in an England shirt to see that. His sheer enthusiasm rubs off on the people around him and that makes him invaluable.

Dennis Wilson, Newcastle

Send soccer louts to jail

I AM one of those unusual fans who *doesn't* like to see trouble on the terraces and would rather miss the match if there is going to be any bother.

I was at Watford recently when gangs of louts rushed on to the pitch and had to be taken out by the police. I don't know what happened to them in court but I bet it didn't make any difference.

I read later of some trouble at a

match in East Berlin, between Dynamo and Magdeburg. Some fans were sentenced to between one and six months in prison - and that was just for back-chatting the police and damaging some seats.

I wonder whether THEY will do it again.

Graham Fowler,
Hemel Hempstead.



"I'LL SHOW YOU A TROPHY WITH OUR NAME ON IT"



"THEY HAD NONE OF THE SKILFUL ONES LEFT"

Entertainer at the Palace

CRYSTAL Palace are back in the First Division with a vengeance and the man they will all soon be fearing is Hilaire. He deserves the title of 'the entertainer' for the fast and busy way he plays his football. Always looking for action and up there at the front helping to lay on the goals.

If Palace don't do well in the First Division this season it will not be through any lack of effort on Hilaire's part. Every side should have a player like him.

Howard Underwood,
Southwark.

Goalkeeper's dream debut

I AM a goalie in my school team and I hope *MATCH WEEKLY* will publish plenty of articles and pictures of goalies.

There is one I would love to find out more about and that is Steve Murcott of Coventry City. He is only Coventry's third-choice keeper, but because Jim Blyth was injured at the last minute he had to be rushed on to the field to make up the team. He had a fantastic game, did not let in any goals and everybody said his saves were brilliant. He is only 18, when I am his age (five years) I hope something like that happens to me.

Colin Kitchener,
Doncaster.

● Good news Colin - we will be bringing you more news about Steve Murcott, plus some pictures, next week.

No shame for Albion

NO ONE could accuse West Bromwich Albion of being a mediocre side, but Nottingham Forest made them look just that when they beat them 5-1 on September 2. I have watched Albion play since I was seven and I think the last time I saw them beaten by such a big margin was 12 years ago. That was by Forest, too.

Albion had a great season last season and everyone said: "Here is an impressive team to watch next year." And then what happens? They get only one point from their first four games.

I am as loyal an Albion supporter as anybody and I would not criticise them on the strength of their performances after only a few games. So my point is this. They may be at the bottom of the table now but a side of such character will improve as the season goes on.

Anyway Forest are currently one of the greatest teams in Europe so we must not be too ashamed by our 5-1 beating.

Nigel Tasker,
Edgbaston.

● Albion manager Ron Atkinson has determination and character as well as a deep football knowledge. With a man like him at the helm it seems certain that there are better times ahead at the Hawthorns. With only a handful of games played so far it would be dangerous to start predicting the candidates for relegation.

Fixtures

Friday, Sept. 14

Division Four

Stockport C. v Bournem'th . . .
Tranmere R. v Portsm'th . . .

Saturday, Sept. 15

Division One

Arsenal v M ddlesbro' . . .
Brighton v Ipswich . . .
Bristol C. v Stoke . . .
Coventry v Bolton . . .
Palace v Villa . . .
Everton v Wolves . . .
Leeds v Liverpool . . .
Man U. v Derby . . .
Norwich v Nottm. Forest . . .
Southampton v Spurs . . .
W.B.A. v Man. C. . .

Division Two

B'ham C. v Charlton . . .
Cambridge v Bristol R. . .
Fulham v Burnley . . .
Newcastle v Leicester . . .
Notts. Co. v Luton . . .
Oldham v Preston . . .
S'bury v Chelsea . . .
Swansea v Q.P.R. . . .
Watford v Cardiff . . .
West Ham v S'land . . .
Wrexham v Orient . . .

Division Three

Blackburn R. v Southend . . .
Blackpool v Roth'ham . . .
Brentford v Grimsby . . .
Bury v Hull City . . .
Col'ster v Sheff. Wed. . . .
Gillingham v Chester . . .
Mansfield v Oxford U. . .
Millwall v Exeter . . .
Plymouth A. v Wimbledon . . .
Reading v Carlisle U. . . .
Sheff. U. v Barnsley . . .
Swindon T. v Chesterfield . . .

Division Four

Darlington v Ald'shot . . .
Halifax U. v Hereford U. . .
Lincoln C. v Doncaster R. . .
Newport C. v Bradford C. . .
Peterboro' v Crewe A. . . .
Port Vale v Northampton T. . .
Scunthorpe v Hud'sfield T. . .
Torquay U. v Rochdale . . .
Walsall v Hartlepool U. . .
Wigan A. v York City . . .

SCOTTISH

Premier Division

Aberdeen v Rangers . . .
Dundee v Morton . . .
Hibernian v Celtic . . .
Partick T. v K'marnock . . .
St. Mirren v Dundee U. . .

Division One

Airdrie v Dumbarton . . .
Arbroath v Dunfermline A. . .
Berwick R. v St. Johnstone . . .
Clyde v Hamilton A. . . .
Clydebank v Ayr U. . . .
Hearts v Stirling A. . . .
Raith R. v Motherwell . . .

Division Two

Cowdenbeath v Brechin C. . . .
Forfar A. v East Stirling . . .
Meadowbank T. v Albion R. . .
Montrose v Stenhousemuir . . .
Q' of South v Falkirk
Queen's Park v East Fife . . .
Stranraer v Alloa . . .

Monday, Sept. 17

Division Three

Brentford v Exeter

Division Four

Port Vale v Bradford C. . . .
Stockport v Darlington . . .
Tranmere R. v Doncaster R. . . .

Tuesday, Sept. 18

Division Three

Bury v Grimsby T. . . .
Carlisle v Rotherham . . .
Chesterfield v Hull . . .
Col'ster U. v Mans'eld . . .
Gillingham v Wimbledon . . .
Millwall v Sheff. Wed . . .
Plymouth A. v Oxford U. . .
Sheff. Utd. v Blackpool . . .
Swindon T. v Chester . . .

Division Four

Halifax T. v Rochdale . . .
Newport C. v Northampton . . .
Portsmouth v B'mouth . . .
Scunthorpe v York City . . .
Walsall v Lincoln City . . .

Wednesday, Sept. 19

Division Three

Blackburn v Barnsley . . .
Reading v Southend U. . . .

Division Four

Crewe v Hud'field
Peterboro' v Aldershot . . .
Torquay v Hereford . . .
Wigan v Hartlepool

SCOTTISH

Division One

Arbroath v Clydebank . . .
Ayr U. v Berwick R. . . .
Dunfermline A. v Dumbarton . . .
Hamilton A. v Raith R. . . .
Motherwell v Hearts . . .
St. Johnstone v Airdrie . . .
Stirling A. v Clyde . . .

Division Two

Alloa v Meadowbank T. . . .
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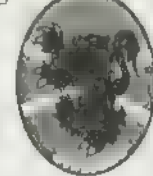
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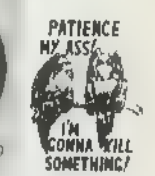
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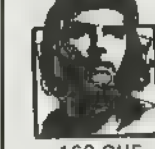
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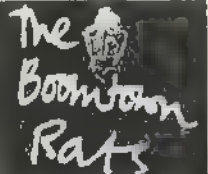


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NOW CELEBRATING their Centenary, Insh Cup winners Cliftonville are in Europe for the first time and no club could have been confronted with a more formidable task. Indeed, they appear to be on the proverbial hiding to nothing.

French champions F.C. Nantes have made a remarkable start to the season with a five match unbeaten run. They aim to become the first French club for many years to make a decisive impact on Europe. In other words, to bring back the glory days of Just Fontaine, Jean Vincent and Raymond Kopa.

It is a side studded with internationals, a side which last season finished two points behind the champions. They were unbeaten at home, winning 19 matches and drawing two. Their goals record is phenomenal, scoring 51 and conceding a mere five.

Four of the team were included in the French side which met Sweden in Stockholm earlier this month. Full-back Bossis, mid fielder Michel and strikers Amisse and Pecout, while the Argentinian pair Enzo Trossero and Hector Trossero, (not related incidentally) have been the main goal scorers this season.

Two of the newcomers are extremely gifted, mid fielder Sahoun and full-back Tussea, a master at overlapping. Outside-right Baronchelli also has international experience.

Nantes could easily sweep the board in France this year and, certainly it would seem, eliminate Cliftonville from this competition.



STANDARD Liege, UEFA Cup opponents for Glenavon, have a new manager who was appointed in the close-season. He is Austrian Ernst Happell, who led FC Bruges to so much success. He is a strict disciplinarian who gets results. Changes in the tactical set up at the club are beginning to take effect.

A European force in the fifties, Standard have six Belgian internationals in their line-up. Among them are the captain Raoul Lambert. They should have no difficulty defeating part-time Glenavon, although on the compact Mourneview Park pitch they could perhaps have their work cut out in that first leg.



EITHER Dundalk or Linfield meet Hibernians of Malta in the European Champion's Cup. No simple operation on that dust bow, pitch in Valetta.

Hibernian, composed of lowly paid professionals, got their first big breakthrough in 1961 when they won the league championship and the following year took the cup with a 1-0 defeat of Valetta.

Five of the current squad played for Malta in the European championship, drawing 0-0 with West Germany in Valetta.

Their pin-up boy is goalkeeper John Bonello, a full international, while centre-back Norman Buttigieg could shortly be on his way into Italian football. They excel in mid-field with Joseph Xueres and Francis Malia, while Ernest Spiteri provides the main striking power.

And a word of warning. Last season in the UEFA Cup Hibernian lost 5-0 away to Sporting Braga, Portugal, but significantly triumphed 3-2 in the home leg. Valetta could be the graveyard of many leading clubs' aspirations.



BOHEMIANS face a tough task against one of Europe's seasoned campaigners Sporting Lisbon from Portugal, for their manager Billy Young has just lost his three most experienced players to rivals Athlone Town.

This is Bohemians' sixth successive season in Europe under Young's command, but even the most outrageous optimist will not be expecting too much.

However, they do have several youngsters making their mark. They are Eugene Lawless

and Paddy Joyce, two recent Manchester United triallists, Eire international Eamonn Gregg and John McCormack, a sweeper, who kept a tight rein on Kenny Dalglish when Liverpool paid a pre-season visit to Ireland.



NORTHERN Ireland manager Danny Blanchflower will get one of his rare opportunities next month to assess players on the verge of international recognition.

A match against a New Zealand side, which is touring the British Isles and Middle East, is to be staged at Windsor Park, Belfast, on October 10.

Few of the established internationals will be picked. Instead Blanchflower is likely to introduce youngsters knocking at the door for some time. The choice, too, is to be widespread - covering English and Irish League clubs.

Because of date difficulties and non-availability of players, Blanchflower's original idea of having regular Under-23 internationals had to be abandoned. The only Under 23 game organised, against the Republic of Ireland two seasons ago, proved highly successful with a number of players being 'discovered' and some being eventually transferred to cross Channel teams.

Mal Donaghy (Luton Town); the Manchester Utd. pair, Tom Connell and John Sloan; Vic Moreland (Derby County); Jim Hagan (Coventry City); Billy Hamilton (Queens Park Rangers) and his new clubmate Brian Quinn, the £50,000 signing from Larne, must come into the reckoning.

Northern Ireland, of course, will be making a tour to Australia next June for five matches in Adelaide, Perth, Melbourne, Sydney, Newcastle and New South Wales.

A visit to New Zealand is not scheduled but one game could perhaps be slotted into the programme after talks in Belfast. It will all depend on the time factor - and the cash guarantee.



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● **QUESTION:** Who is the youngest player ever to have played for England and for what club did he play?

Kelvin Sheffield, Liverpool.

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● **QUESTION:** Me and my friends are always arguing about the offside laws. Can you settle it once and for all and explain them simply?

Martin Collett, Frome.

A player is offside unless there are two opponents between himself and the opposing team's goal but an attacker cannot be offside when a corner is being taken by his own team.

● **QUESTION:** Does 'handball' mean the ball has to hit the hand itself or is it an offence to deliberately put any part of the arm or shoulder in the way of the ball?

Frank Gibson, Leytonstone

A penalty for handball can be imposed only if the ball has been handled deliberately. It is not an offence to handle the ball accidentally.

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● **QUESTION:** Which British league ground has the largest crowd capacity? Is there a rule limiting size?

Gordon Astley, Sunderland.

Hampden Park, Queen's Park ground in Glasgow, is the British League ground with the largest ground capacity. It has had a gate of 149,000. It is estimated that Charlton Athletic's Valley ground (66,000) has the largest existing capacity of any Football League club.

● **QUESTION:** Can you tell me a bit about Danny Blanchflower's playing career?

Chris Evans, Goole.

Danny Blanchflower was signed from Glentoran by Barnsley for £6,000 in April 1949, was sold to Aston Villa for £15,000 in March, 1951 and to Spurs for £30,000 in December, 1954. He was appointed Northern Ireland team manager in June 1976 and manager of Chelsea on December 15, 1978. Danny is not his real name. He was christened Dennis Bernard Blanchflower.

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THE season is only a couple of games old and already it seems that everyone in the television and newspaper media is predicting the downfall of our national sport within the next ten years.

Bearing in mind that footballers are fined for bringing the game into disrepute, certain very prominent soccer personalities should be fined a king's ransom for some of the things they have said in the past few weeks.

The 'prophets of doom' still have a large audience for their pessimistic forecasts of financial destruction. Money, as in all spheres of life, is the critical issue. With so many clubs crying poverty it seems ironic that about £17m changed hands during the close-season on transfers alone.

This money was largely spent by a small number of ambitious clubs who felt that new players would go a long way to repaying their fees with success. However, if this money had been pooled it would have almost completely wiped out the collective debt of all 92 league clubs.

The fact that in one close-season the football league can generate almost enough income to make itself financially stable is hardly a sign of a crumbling way of life. But we should not sit still. There are obvious deficiencies in our game, with the transfer market the area with the most room for improvement.

In England we have partial freedom of contract, whereby a player at the end of a contract is free to move on his own discretion. The fee is not subject to any scale of values, as in Germany where a transfer is related to a player's salary and experience. Consequently, I believe the record transfer fee between two German clubs is under £300,000.

French football has taken an unprecedented step in doing away with transfer fees altogether. But these are not the ultimate answers for English football as both countries have clubs struggling with financial problems.

We should learn from this and introduce a scale of transfer values which would be suited to the English league and its traditions — taking into account a player's age and experience, the divisions of the



two clubs involved and with an allowance made for 'special' qualities.

By that I mean the kind of qualities that make a club like Manchester City pay £250,000 for Steve MacKenzie, a relatively untried youngster of 18. The club felt he was 'special' enough to take the gamble.

A scale of transfer fees would bring a lot more credibility back to the value of players and would mean that clubs could divert their funds to other schemes, such as ground improvement.

Because talent would be at such a premium it would force clubs to be more concerned over youth policies. Every club has a scouting and apprenticeship system which on the surface looks second to none, but I am sure that other top businesses would not tolerate the very high failure rate of the present apprentice schemes.

Clubs would be forced to take a hard look at these schemes and put a lot more thought into them. Then they would not have to scour the four divisions with cheque book at the ready looking for fresh talent — it would already be on their doorsteps, just waiting for a chance.

● NEXT THURSDAY I will give you my views on United's start to the season and our chances of lifting the title.



Above: Manchester City manager Malcolm Allison, who felt that Palace youngster Steve MacKenzie (right) was 'special' enough to be worth £250,000, even though he had not played a first team game.



MATCH ACTION

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Saturday, September 1, 1979
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AT LAST . . . Alan Mullery's Brighton are on the victory trail. The South Coast club's supporters had to wait until the fourth game of the season for their team's first points of their return to the First Division. **MATCH WEEKLY** Photographer Duncan Cubitt was at the Goldstone Ground to capture the action.



Bad boy?

'Not me' says Billy Kellock, Peterborough's new goal machine

BILLY Kellock, the mid-field man with the golden finishing touch, has his sights set on more than a hatful of goals this season.

His aim is twofold — to bury the 'bad boy' tag which has followed him around and to create a more favourable impression on the Football League.

Even as Kellock's unique opportunism was giving him a tremendous personal start to the season with Peterborough his reputation was continuing to haunt his development.

"We played Lincoln on the first Saturday of the season. I heard there had been talk around the club saying I had been in and out of prison" Kellock said.

"It's a joke. I have no idea where these stories come from. When I was with Norwich John Bond hardly spoke to me. Apparently he did not like my character. I heard he was giving me a free transfer only through the newspapers.

"Other clubs interested in me used to ring him up. He said what a bad influence I was and scared them off.

"All I want to do is play football well. I am hoping Peterborough will help me forget the bad times."

Certainly 25-year-old Kellock won't be able to forget this marvellous start he made at London Road.

● Pre-season friendly with Luton: Kellock scores the equaliser.

● League Cup first round first leg v Charlton: Kellock scores two and makes the other in the 3-1 win.

● Opening league game with Lincoln: Kellock scores the only goal of the game.

● Home game with Halifax: Kellock's bullet-like header gives Peterborough a second minute lead.

● Away league game v Lincoln: 'Kellock's' twentieth minute header gives Peterborough a 0-1 away win.

It is Kellock's third attempt to succeed in the Football League. The Glaswegian has reigned supreme as a goal king in the last four years but always itched to get back into the 'big time'.

He spent two years with Cardiff but was driven out by poor wages. Norwich was the next stop. He enjoyed his football there even though most of his playing time was spent in the Reserves.

At the end of the 1974-75 season Kellock was packing his bags again.

"At this stage I was thoroughly disillusioned and decided to jack everything in and emigrate. Then Chelmsford offered me a good contract. I enjoyed it and decided to stay put.

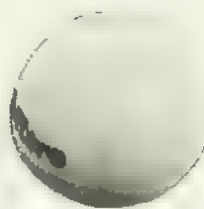
"I scored 28 goals that season. But Chelmsford had financial problems and could not afford to continue my contract."

Derek Dougan, then in charge at Kettering, had noted his goal-scoring ability and made a move. "I had three great seasons at Kettering, scoring 20 goals in each of my first two seasons and 40 last year.

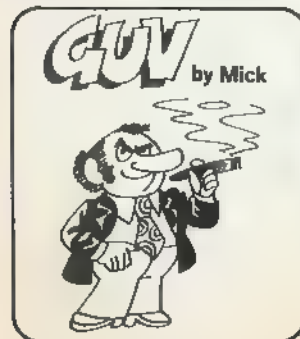
"I am just keeping my fingers crossed that everything will turn out well after my other problems. It would be nice if certain people could bury the hatchet."



IT'S THERE — Billy Kellock adds the finishing touch to a Tommy Robson cross in a recent home game with Halifax Town.



Peterborough United's goal machine, Billy Kellock.



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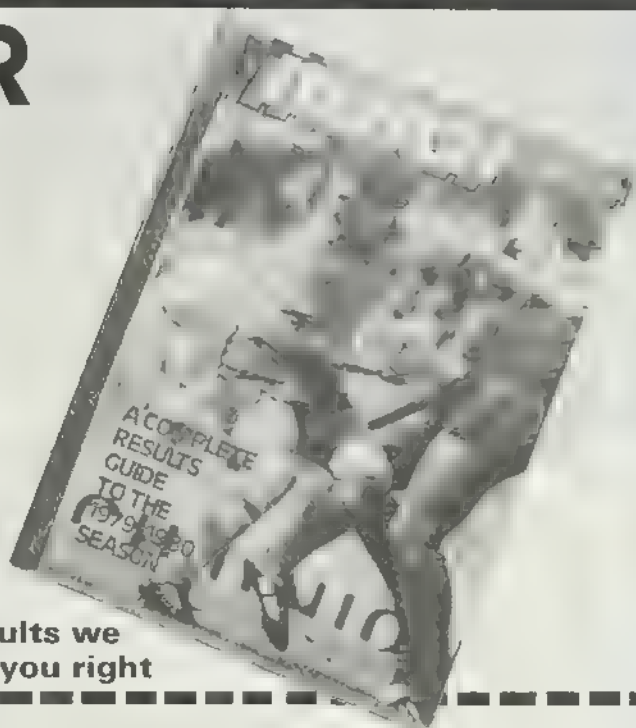
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BORO'S LOSS IS MAGPIES' GAIN



STUNNED and bewildered. That was Stuart Boam's reaction to Middlesbrough's shock decision to sell their top quality defender and skipper to Newcastle United.

Boam, who admitted having signed a four-year contract just one year ago, said: "I thought I would end my playing days with Middlesbrough."

"I was bewildered by the speed of events. In fact, I was stunned. When I met Newcastle manager Bill McGarry, I asked him if it was all a joke! But after our chat I was looking forward to joining Newcastle."

Middlesbrough's decision to sell Boam for £175,000 brought a back-lash from their supporters who demonstrated their anger

throughout the game against Crystal Palace.

But Middlesbrough's loss is a sizable gain for Newcastle, who have long been seeking a talented and experienced centre-half to strengthen a suspect defence.

The dominant six-footer, bought by Middlesbrough eight years ago from Mansfield for £50,000, is now 30. But he claims: "Centre-halves mature with age."

That's an opinion which can be substantiated by former Sunderland and Manchester City star Dave Watson, who has long been England's first choice for the number 5 shirt.

Boam added: "I have played the best football of my career in the past five months and I am now looking forward to another three good seasons." He is equally convinced that it won't be long before he is back in the First Division with Newcastle. Every black and white fan on Tyneside hopes he is right.

So does United chief McGarry. He said: "I think Stuart Boam is going to solve a lot of our problems. He is a natural leader, but can do his own job and also find time to help others. That's what we have been lacking."

Middlesbrough manager, John Neal, has switched striker Billy Ashcroft, bought from Wrexham for £133,000 two years ago, into the gap left by Boam's exit.

It's a gamble . . . but judging by Ashcroft's impressive performances as a central defender against Spurs, Manchester City, Crystal Palace and Manchester United there will be no regrets.



ABOVE: Stuart Boam — bewildered by the speed of events.

LEFT: Billy Ashcroft has done an impressive job in the middle of the Middlesbrough defence.



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ATKINSON

WELCOME ONCE again to the Atkinson analysis. This week the West Bromwich manager switches to the heart of the defence to compare England's Dave Watson and Eire's David O'Leary. For each facet of their play, Ron has awarded marks out of 10 and of the 12 categories each can score a maximum of 120.

NOW HERE are two of the most accomplished centre-halves in the game today and two really good professionals - I admire them both

When discussing centre-backs, opinion must inevitably hinge on their power in the air and in Watson and O'Leary, we have two of the best exponents in the game.

Ironically, with Watson one of his advantages is his danger in attacking set pieces.

He's a great defensive header of the ball, but he springs tremendously high for corners against you. I reckon he must be good for eight or nine goals a season from set pieces.

O'Leary does well in these kind

of situations, but he tends to go for glances and little flicks as opposed to big leaping headers. He gets used more by Arsenal in set plays to move people - running as a decoy for Frank Stapleton or Alan Sunderland.

Overall I'd give the edge to Watson in this department ten to nine and although they both finish well when they get the occasional shot at goal, Watson would come out top of that, too.

Ambitious

Where David O'Leary scores on points for me is in ball control and passing, especially on his right side.

He's a little ambitious, but usually keeps it simple, and is capable of playing slightly more telling balls than Watson.

Although O'Leary was a little disappointing against us last season, he usually does well. Watson on the other hand, we've always 'got at'

I don't mean my players have niggled him or upset him, but we have been able to go on the back of him and beat him for pace. Barnesy, having played with him at

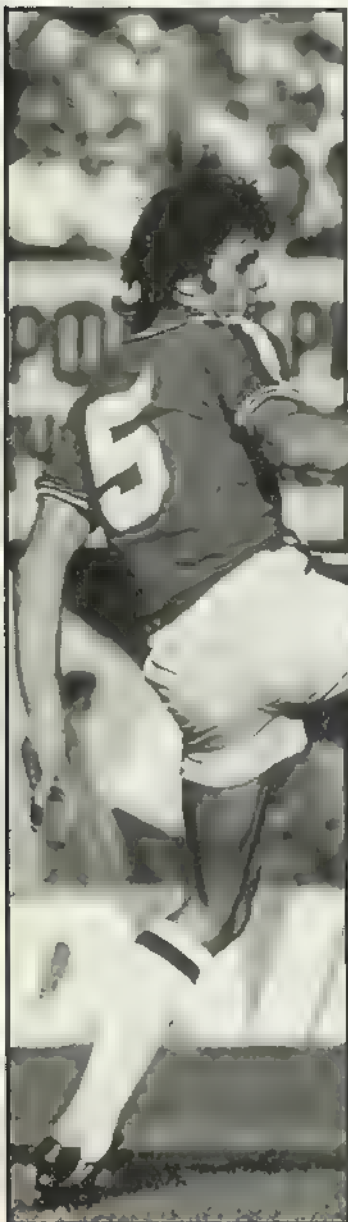
Manchester City, thinks he's pretty quick, but I'm not so sure. He's certainly not as quick as O'Leary.

And I've always felt Watson has never played as well for his club as he does for England.

As tacklers, it's hard to fault either of them. They both seem to have the longest pairs of legs in football and tend to put their foot in at the right moment.

Talking of putting his foot in it, I'd mark Watson down on temperament. It certainly caught him out for his new club Werder Bremen recently, when he was sent off and banned for two months.

Again it has been a fascinating exercise for me in analysing these two giants of football, I hope you have enjoyed it, too.



England and Werder Bremen defender Dave Watson



Eire and Arsenal's David O'Leary.

NEXT WEEK: I'll be comparing the strengths and weaknesses of two more of Britain's top footballers.



O'LEARY

6	Shooting
9	Ball control
8	Passing
6	Left side
8	Right side
8	Vision
9	Temperament
■	Heading
9	Tackling
9	Stamina
■	Speed
9	Teamwork

99 TOTAL

120 Maximum

WATSON

7	Shooting
7	Ball control
7	Passing
6	Left side
7	Right side
7	Vision
8	Temperament
10	Heading
9	Tackling
9	Stamina
8	Speed
9	Teamwork

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RECORD TRANSFER FEE PAID: £250,000 to Boca Juniors, Buenos Aires, for Alberto Tarantini, October 1978.

JIM SMITH came to Birmingham City stirred by an enormous challenge. The challenge was to bring glory to a club famous only for unloading its best players. His end-of-first-year report was less stirring. It catalogued the most eventful and traumatic 12 months in the club's history during which they were relegated to Division Two and became involved in two unhappy drawn-out transfer sagas.

In the close-season Smith began laying the foundations for what he hopes will be a new and improved Birmingham City. The comings and goings at St. Andrew's kept football talk alive in the city all through the summer weeks.

Out went Alan Buckley, back to his former club Walsall as player-manager for £200,000; Stewart Barraclough to Bristol Rovers for £100,000; Jim

Montgomery to Nottingham Forest and Pat Howard to Bury - both on free transfers.

In came West Ham's Alan Curbishley for £165,000; Archie Gemmill from Nottingham Forest for £150,000; Cardiff striker Tony Evans for £70,000; goalkeeper Jeff Wealands from Hull for £30,000 and former Stoke defender Terry Lees from F.C. Rhoda for £60,000. Brian Little was lined up from Aston Villa to help fill the void left by Trevor Francis - but a back injury shut the door on the £600,000 move.

The Little situation is typical of the bad luck that has gone hand in hand with Smith's 15-month reign at St. Andrew's. Although his settling-in period was tremendously successful with only one defeat in 12 games the next season started badly and gradually got worse.

An unprecedented spate of injuries robbed Smith of a

settled side for any length of time. His two main strikers - Francis and Keith Bertschin both missed most of the crucial early action during which Birmingham went 13 games without a win.

"Last season was naturally a big disappointment to everyone at the club," Smith said. "There were a lot of factors involved but at the end of the day we did not score enough goals."

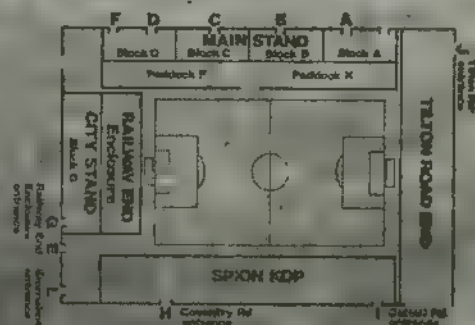
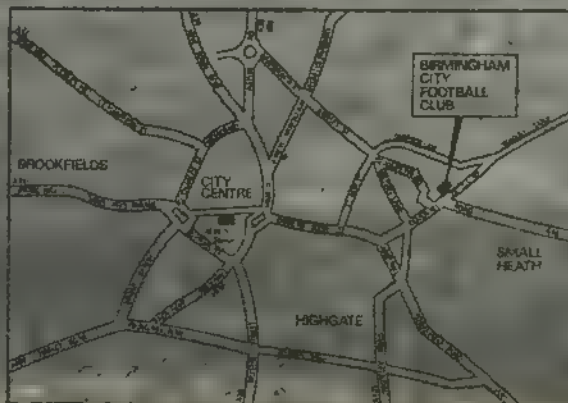
"The transfer sagas of Francis and Alberto Tarantini (Argentinian World Cup star now returned to his home country) were also detrimental to the club and added to our problems."

"But my philosophy is that everything happens for the best. That's how I view most things at the end of the day. We've now got a tremendous amount of youngsters waiting their chance in the first team. We must have as good a



New skipper Archie Gemmill signs on just before the start of the season. Watching him are secretary Alan Instone (left) and manager Jim Smith (right).

HOW TO GET THERE: By road via M1, M45 and A46 to Small Heath area of Birmingham and via Cattell Road is left turning on the right past Small Heath Park to the ground. via M6 exit at, Cuddly Hill, and A38M Aston Expressway. Leave Expressway at first exit to the left via Jarrimouth Street. via A46 via Street via Watery Road via Road via Road turn left into the street and park into Cotten Road. By train the nearest railway station is Small Heath. Leave from Small Heath station via Albert Street and Hat of Memory, Broad Street.



chance as any of going up, but while we want to at the first attempt, it's also important that we build the club up on the right lines."

The last comment is pointed, for the 'Blues' have long suffered the reputation of being the club that sells its best

assets. Apart from Francis, in recent years Birmingham have also farmed out Kenny Burns — who has done so well at Nottingham Forest — Bob Latchford, Jimmy Greenhoff and Terry Hennessey.

The club was formed as Small Heath Alliance in 1875. Ten years later it turned professional and changed the name to Small Heath Football Club Limited in 1888 — the first club to be a limited liability company.

In 1905 the name was changed again — this time to Birmingham Football Club Limited. the following year the St. Andrew's Ground was opened on Boxing Day

The big question now is how long will it take the 'Blues' to return to the top flight? And can they steer clear of the rut, which sees them invariably fighting against relegation, when they get there?

● NEXT WEEK our series turns the spotlight on First Division Middlesbrough.

Spotlight on Birmingham City

IMAGINE the thrill of seeing starlets the calibre of Trevor Francis, Bob Latchford, Kenny Burns and Terry Hennessey sign on the dotted line and then progress to become idols for your club.

You might think it was the recipe for total contentment. But when the man responsible for these signings, Birmingham chief scout Don Dorman, reflects on these moments he feels a touch of sadness.

"I was upset when Francis left and also Latchford and Burns. With these players in the same team we should have been amongst the best, but somehow it never turned out. I don't know what the answer is. But it does upset me when I think of all the players we've let go."

Don is not allowed to be down for long. There's too much to do keeping tabs on the young starlets all over the country who might one day grace the famous blue shirts.

A wing-half with Birmingham and later Coventry, Don returned to St. Andrews in 1956, taking over as chief scout six months after becoming the assistant.

The first player of note that he signed was Welsh schoolboy international Terry Hennessey, who later became club captain and then gave such fine service to Nottingham Forest

Don gradually built up a list of contacts all over the country. He even combined holidays in Cornwall with work — dedication that was to prove so valuable in landing Francis.

Don takes up the story: "A schoolteacher friend of mine told me to go and look at a centre-forward playing for Plymouth Boys. I went and told him that I liked the look of the boy — but was even more interested in the inside-left who was Francis.

"Francis came up for training at Birmingham and I used to see him

back on the train to Plymouth on the Sunday morning. We had a stroke of luck though before we signed him. Francis was watched by several scouts in a final England schoolboys' trial at St. Albans.

"What I knew that they didn't, was that he had been ill the previous week. He had a stinker of a trial game and the other scouts were frightened off. In the end there was only us and Wolves in the hunt.

"When I first saw him at 13 I was immediately taken with his pace, balance and flair for the game. He is also probably the best striker of a ball I've ever seen."

Tracking Kenny Burns down proved more of a problem. Don's first view was a limited one for Burns was sent off after 20 minutes!

"He eventually signed for Glasgow Rangers. But when they had a chance of manager and a clear-out Burns was released. I got him down to Birmingham as quickly as I could.

"He was a hard man, but with plenty of skill and bags of confidence. I told Brian Clough that the huge amount of money we received for Francis evened up the Burns' deal — we only got £135,000."

Don could talk all night about his experiences as a chief scout. One of his favourite stories concerns Norman Piper who he signed from the Plymouth area, but Piper didn't stop long at the club as the manager did not consider him good enough.

"One night I went with chairman Doug Ellis — now chairman of Aston Villa — to watch England Youths play Wolverhampton. After seeing Piper turning it on Ellis looked at me and said he was the sort of player we should be attracting to our club!"



Chief Scout Don Dorman — he spots the stars.

BIRMINGHAM City Supporters' Club are branching out — all the way to Australia! It seems that support 'down under' for the Blues has really taken off and moves are afoot to form an Australian offshoot of the main organisation.

Supporters' club vice-chairman Morris Reubens explains: "Two long-standing members who emigrated, were telling us at a home game towards the end of last season about the following Birmingham enjoy on the other side of the world.

"I jokingly said we should form a branch there. They replied that was their intention and we are now waiting to hear from them on the latest developments."

Fifteen hundred Birmingham Supporters' Club members are split among seven branches.

MRS Celia Dowell must be one of the few women in the country to enjoy such an important role in a football club.

As assistant to Birmingham's Commercial Manager Dennis Shaw, she has the responsibility of allocating press box passes, arranging visits around the ground, dealing with requests for autograph sheets, player's personal appearances and looking after the well-being of match sponsors and advertisers.

Last year Mrs Dowell started a page in the programme for female fans entitled *Birds-eye View*.

Another innovation started by the promotions department was a telephone answering service giving details of team changes, new signings, price of tickets, etc. Fifty-six thousand callers found it invaluable in its first season.

MATCH ACTION

Dateline Tokyo: Worl



Argentina's Alfredo Torres crosses as Poland's Krzysztof Frankowski slides in during the first half of their game at Omiya. Argentina won 4-1, but both teams reached the quarter finals.



Uruguay's Hector Molina (left) takes the ball away from Soviet's Mikhaail Olefirenko during their game in Yokohama. Although Uruguay won 1-0, the U.S.S.R. went on to qualify, too.

Austria blow to Scots

THE ODDS against Scotland qualifying for the final stages of the European Championship in Italy stretched even further last week, when Austria comprehensively dismissed Norway 4-0 in front of a 37,000 crowd in Vienna.

Goals by Jara and Prohaska (penalty) in the first half and Kreuz and Krankl in the last 15 minutes, put Austria a point clear of Portugal at the top of the Group Two table.

Scotland face Austria, Belgium and Portugal at home and also Belgium away.

GROUP TWO TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Austria	6	3	2	1	11	5	8
Portugal	4	3	1	0	5	2	7
Scotland	4	2	0	2	9	6	4
Belgium	4	0	4	0	3	3	4
Norway	8	0	1	6	3	15	1

COLUMBIA COUNTS COST OF CUP '86

WITH still more than two years to go before Spain stages the next World Cup, the Colombian Government is already studying plans to host the 1986 Finals in South America.

Cost is, of course, a key factor and this week, the Colombians will receive a report prepared by its national university indicating that preparation of facilities alone in

its major cities could cost between £80 and £180 million.

The least expensive alternative called for 16 teams playing at 4 sites - Bogota (the capital), Cartagena, Barranquilla and Santa Maria, however, this depends on soccer's world governing body, FIFA, agreeing to an unprecedented spread of more than 8,600 feet in altitude among the sites.

The most expensive alternative in the study is a 24-team tournament played in 6 cities - Bogota (two stadiums), Medellin, Cali, Pereira, Bucaramanga and Ibaque - at a cost of £180 million.

The Presidential cabinet and congress are expected to make the final decision, soon.

CAVAN'S TRAVELS

IRISH FA president Harry Cavan has been off again on his travels - this time to China where he has been making a bid on behalf of FIFA, of which he is vice-president. His mission was to lure the Peking soccer authorities back into global football.

"I am hopeful there will be a breakthrough. Certainly the

visit of the Chinese national side to Britain has helped matters. West Bromwich Albion also did a good job when they were out there," said Mr. Cavan.

Only one snag still exists - and it is a monumental one. Peking wants Taiwan thrown out of FIFA who, however, are anxious to have both in membership. Solution could be

for Taiwan to drop the title Chinese Federation and become the Taiwan FA, a compromise which may meet all demands.

"This is a country with huge untapped resources. Once they were in the FIFA fold they could benefit from coaching courses and other material help. Eventually China will be a power of considerable importance," said Mr. Cavan, who covers around 20,000 miles each year in his soccer peregrinations.

A trade union official he takes no established vacations. All his breaks are allocated to football around the world.

It is commonplace for him to fly to Tokyo for the weekend to preside at meetings of the FIFA world youth tournament currently in progress there. The next he may be at his club Ards, acting as secretary and playing the records on the public address system.

A recent Sunday relaxation was writing out 300 club membership tickets!

Teaser and Quiz Answers



QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Billericay Town
2. Kenny Dalglish
3. Doug Rougvie
4. Johan Krahl
5. Anderlecht
6. John Barton
7. Legia Warsaw
8. Nick Deacy
9. Derek Spence
10. Ralph Coates
11. Chelsea
12. Barnet
13. Mexico and Hungary
14. Switzerland
15. Sweden
16. Carlos Alberto and Franz Beckenbauer
17. Arthur Ellis
18. Partizan Belgrade
19. He scored the first ever goal in an F.A. Cup Final
20. Brazil

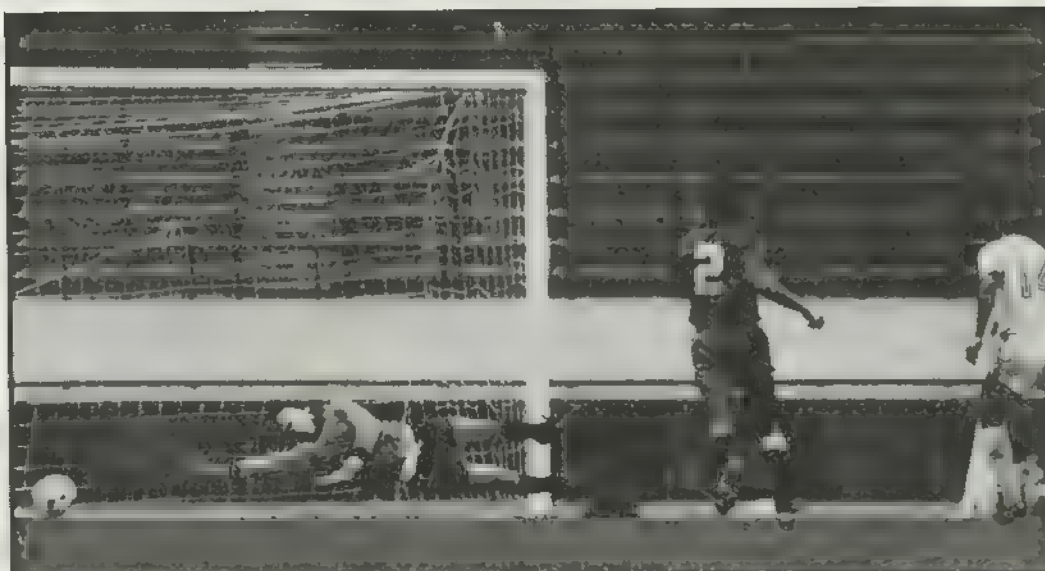
Youth Cup '79

Maradona peps young Argentinians

A HAT-trick by Ramon Diaz put Argentina on the way to an overwhelming 5-0 victory over Algeria and a place in the semi-finals of the World Youth Soccer Tournament in Tokyo.

Argentina, runners-up in the South American championships, included 'superkid' Diego Maradona, who scored one of the goals. Their opponents in the semi-final, rivals Uruguay, who beat Portugal 1-0 in extra-time.

The other semi-final was between Russia, victors over Paraguay on penalties after the teams drew 2-2 at 90 minutes - and Poland who edged out Spain 4-3, again on penalties.



Spanish keeper Rodriguez Agustin fails to stop Bendjaballah's winning shot for Algeria in their eliminator in Tokyo.

Cosmos to play Springboks

PELE, Franz Beckenbauer and Carlos Alberto are expected to be in the New York Cosmos team which is to visit South Africa later this year, for coaching clinics, exhibitions and one tour match against a mixed South African 'Springbok' team in Botswana.

The tour is the brainchild of Black soccer entrepreneur Kaizer Motaung, manager of his country's multi-racial League leaders Kaizer Chiefs of Soweto. Cosmos are also embarking on an Asian tour this month.

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BRAZIL have reached the semi-final of the Americas Soccer Cup after a 2-2 draw with Argentina at the River Plate Stadium.

Brazilian striker Socrates scored both his country's goals, while skipper Pasarella and Diaz replied for Argentina. Watched by 70,000, the match maintains Brazil's nine-year unbeaten record against Argentina. They finished Group Two with five points from four matches, ahead of Bolivia with four and Argentina with three.

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SURINAM defeated Trinidad in the pre-Olympic soccer tournament in the Concacaf Group. Surinam lost the away game in Trinidad 2-0 but qualified for the next round against Haiti and one other country yet to be determined on goal difference.

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SOCCER hooliganism, it seems, has even spread to China.



Unruly Tianjin soccer fans who threw stones at the visiting Guangdong's team bus, were punished with two days disciplinary detention! The incident took place after a national first division match.

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ZOLTAN Toth, goalkeeper of crack Hungarian team Ujpest Dozsa, failed to return home to Budapest last week with his team from a tournament in Spain. Toth, apparently left his hotel room in Cadiz City for an undisclosed destination and club leaders have no information about his whereabouts or his intentions.

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TOP Brazilian side Flamengo of Rio de Janeiro, suffered a shock defeat last week at the hands of mid-rated French side St Germain in Paris, despite taking the lead through Zico. But Flamengo eased up and following a biting pep talk from their manager Velibor Vasovic St Germain took control with goals by Velibor, Bureau and Gerard Beltramini.

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BAYERN Munich won the Santiago Bernabeu tournament in Madrid, by beating Ajax of Holland 2-0 in the final - thanks to two goals in the last six minutes by Breitner and Rummenigge.



Paraguay's Ramon Isasi (right) heads over Canada's goalkeeper Chris Turner during the first half of their elimination round game in Kobe, Western Japan, watched by Paraguay's Ricardo Valinotti. Paraguay won 3-0, and advanced to the quarter finals.

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IT'S A FACT!

MID-FIELD player Graham Watson has been in four promoted and four relegated teams! He went down with Rotherham United (1967-68), up with Doncaster Rovers (1968-69) and down with them (1970-71), up with Cambridge United (1972-73), down with them (1973-74), and up with them (1976-77) and (1977-78), and down with Lincoln City (1978-79)

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● New Bolton Wanderers defender Dave Clement played in two matches on the same day against the same club on May 21, 1966! For Q.P.R. he turned out against Watford in the South-East Counties League on the Saturday morning and in the Football Combination in the afternoon. He was on the winning side both times.



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● Swansea City forward Robbie James ranks as the youngest player ever to figure in 100 Football League matches. He was born in March, 1957, and played in his 100th on February 14, 1976, against Torquay United.

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● A Second Division match between Millwall and Fulham on the morning of January 20, 1974, during the three-day working week industrial crisis was historic. It was the first Football League fixture ever fulfilled on a Sunday.

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● No other current British-born player in the Football League has to travel so far when he goes home as John Buchanan, Cardiff City's chief scorer last season. He was born at Dingwall in Scotland's far north.

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● Three clubs which have finished a season in the Second Division's bottom spot, yet have never played in the Third are Burnley (1902-03), Leicester City (1903-04), and Birmingham (1909-10). In those days there were only two divisions.

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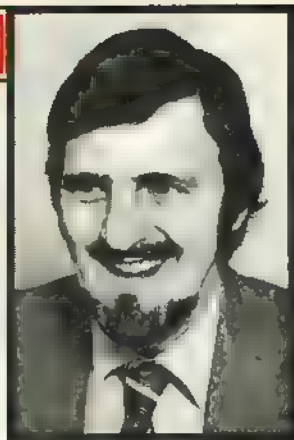
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SIMPLE! Who are you kidding, Bob?

BOB PAISLEY is not the first person to have said that football is a simple game. The problem is to get players to play it simply.

It's a philosophy which has been preached by many of the wisest men in the history of football, but in some ways they are not doing justice to the game itself.

It's true that when players of high skill reach a peak, as did Liverpool in the Charity Shield against Arsenal, they make the game look very simple indeed.

Liverpool's game was sprinkled with first-time passes, which individually looked unremarkable, but linked together produced a bewildering pattern and Arsenal just could not cope.

But it's far from being easy to be that good. Why else would so many players say, as they are approaching retirement, that they are just beginning to learn how to make the utmost use of their ability? It's taken them many years of competition at the top to learn the most effective way to play.

I reckon there are more millionaires in this country than there are current international footballers. So, if you wanted to aim high, in one direction or the other, you would have a better chance of becoming a millionaire than you would an international player. Just think of the qualities needed to master the game and reach the top.

First, a player has to be a natural competitor, hating to lose and having the guts to battle on, even when the odds are stacked against him. In addition, he needs to have excellent co-ordination, good balance, general athleticism and ball sense. So its easy to see how the field narrows.

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An international player should have speed. That doesn't mean to say that there haven't been slow running players who have succeeded, but they have had some other extraordinary ability to compensate.

The higher you go up the ladder the faster the players are. It's not necessary to break hundred metre records, but you do need to cover three or four yards at least faster than most, like Pele, Cruyff, Best, Charlton, Greaves and many others.

Let's suppose we have the body and the determination, where do we go from there?

The player then has to acquire a wide variety of difficult ball skills, of which the most important is being able to control the ball with any part of the body from any height and any angle while moving at speed.

Practice

The basic ability to kick a ball accurately and with power from the instep is also an essential and all manner of passes, with the inside and outside of the foot, have to be mastered before excellence can be contemplated. The art of heading, timing the jump and dealing with opponents at the same time takes some pros years to perfect.

I could go on to mention skills such as tackling, dribbling, chipping, crossing at speed, so many of which are a basic part of top class footballers' armoury.

The only way to acquire them is by practice and although practice alone is useful, it's only when it takes place in a competitive game against top class opposition, that it will be evident whether or not the skill has really been mastered.

Having acquired the skills, the next problem is how to use them in the best interests of the team in the course of a game. So we enter the realm of tactics. In order to make the best possible use of his ability a player has to have what is loosely called a football brain.

To be more specific, it must be a brain that works quickly under pressure and will make the right decision at lightning speed. Even if the body's working and the brain's working a player still needs vision to enable him to select the right one of many alternatives.

A player can have the lot and lack one little thing and his efforts will come to nothing. That little thing is courage, because top class football is no place for a coward.

To make a first-time pass accurately, as so many Liverpool players did in that exciting Charity Shield game, is probably the highest art of all as control and

passing are blended into one touch. What has to be understood is how much ability, perception and vision go into the making of what looks to be such a simple pass.

It's true that teams like Liverpool can make the game look very simple to play. It's equally true that



The higher you go the faster the players are. Players like Bobby Charlton (right), Pele, Greaves, and Best covered three or four yards faster than most.

football is a very difficult game to learn and anyone who thinks otherwise will never master it.

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- 10 — Out of this world
- 9 — Outstanding
- 8 — Excellent
- 7 — Good
- 6 — Adequate
- 5 — Off form
- 4 — Poor

Match ratings

- ★★★★★ A classic
- ★★★★ Good value
- ★★★ Satisfactory
- ★★ Dull
- ★ Waste of money

Monday, Sept. 3

LEAGUE CUP Second Round, Second Leg

SOUTHEND (0) 0
BOLTON (0) 0
(Southend win 2-1 on aggregate)
Att 9,771
Southend: Cawston 8, Dudley 8,
Moody 7, Cusack 8, Gates 7,
★STEAD 8, Hadley 7, Otulekowski 8,
Tuchy 8, Parker 7, Morris 8
Bolton: McDonagh 7, Clement 7,
Burk 7, Greaves 7, Jones 8, Welsh 8,
Morgan 7, Whatmore 6 (sub
Worthington 7), Gowing 6, Cantello
6, ★MCNAB 9.
Referee: R. Challis (Tonbridge)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

Tuesday, Sept. 4

LEAGUE CUP Second Round, Second Leg

ARSENAL (3) 7 (Sunderland 2, 14,
52, Brady, pen 72, pen 83, Nelson
24, Stapleton 87)
LEEDS (0) 0
(Arsenal win 8-1 on aggregate)
Att 35,348
Arsenal: Jennings 7, Rice 8, Neilson
8, Talbot 9, O'Leary 8, Young 8, Brady
8, ★SUNDERLAND 10, Stapleton 9,
Hollins 9, Rix 9
Leeds: Harvey 6, Hird 5, Hampton 4,
★FLYNN 7, Hart 4, Stevenson 4,
Hankin 4, Cherry 4, Greenhoff 4 (sub
Harris 5), Curtis 5, Graham 6
Referee: P. G. Reeves (Leicester)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

BARNLEY (0) 0
WEST HAM (1) 2
(West Ham win 5-1 on aggregate)
Att 15,898
Barnley: Pierce 7, Flavell 7 (sub
Miller 6), Collins 6, Glavin 6, Dugdale
6, McCarthy 7, Little 7, ★RILEY 8,
Pugh 6, Banks 6, Bell 6
West Ham: ★PARKES 8, Lampard 6,
Brush 6, Bonds 6, Stewart 6, Holland
6, Pike 7, Banton 6, Cross 7,
Brooking 7, Morgan 6
Referee: K. Walsley (Blackpool)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

CAMBRIDGE (0) 1 (Cozens 81)
BRIGHTON (1) 2 (Maybank 10, Ward
68)
(Brighton win 4-1 on aggregate)
Att 4,952
Cambridge: Webster 6, Graham 6
(sub Murray 6), ★SMITH 8, Stringer
7, Streete 6, Cozens 7, Christie 6,
Spriggs 7, Buckley 6, Finney 6, Biley
6
Brighton: Moseley 7, Gregory 6,
Williams 6, Horton 7 (sub Ryan 6),
Foster 7, Lawrenson 6, Clark 6,
★WARD 8, Maybank 7, Sayer 8,
O'Sullivan 6
Referee: H. R. Robinson (Suffolk)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

CHELSEA (0) 1 (Droy 71)
PLYMOUTH (1) 2 (Harrison 11,
Johnson 67)
(Plymouth win 4-3 on aggregate)
Att 14,112
Chelsea: Borota 6, Chivers 4

Sparrow 5, Burnstead 5, ★DROY 8,
Sutton 5, Britton 6, Bannion 7, Langley
6, Aylott 5, Walker 6 (sub Harris 7).
Plymouth: Brown 6, James 5,
Harrison 6, Phillipson-Masters 6,
Foster 6, Hodges 7, ★MEGSON 9,
Graves 7, Trusson 8, Randell 6,
Johnson 8
Referee: A. Gunn (Burgess Hill)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

COVENTRY (0) 0
IPSWICH (0) 0
(Coventry win 1-0 on aggregate)
Att 16,705
Coventry: Sealey 7, Roberts 7
McDonald 7, Blair 5, ★HOLTON 8,
Gillespie 7, Hutchinson 7, English 6,
Ferguson 6, Powell 6, Hunt 6
Ipswich: ★COOPER 8, Burley 6,
Mills 6, Thijssen 6, Osman 7, Butcher
7, Wark 6, Muhren 7, Mariner 7,
Brazil 5 (sub Gates 6), Woods 6
Referee: J. Sewell (Leicester)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

CRYSTAL PALACE (4) 7 (Hilaire 17,
Murphy 2, Flanagan 25, 35, Francis
51, Walsh 74, 84)
STOCKPORT COUNTY (0) 0
(Crystal Palace win 8-1 on aggregate)
Att 18,465
Crystal Palace: Burridge 7,
Hinshelwood 7, Sansom 8, Nicholas
7, Cannon 7, Gilbert 7, Murphy 8,
Francis 8 (sub Walsh 7),
Swindlehurst 7 ★FLANAGAN 9,
Hilaire 7
Stockport: Lawson 6, Sherlock 5,
Rutter 6 (sub ★SUMMERBEE 8),
Edwards 6, Czuczman 5, Chapman 5,
Williams 7, Thorpe 6, Henson 6,
Pudham 6, Lee 7
Referee: D. Reeves (Uxbridge)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

HUDDERSFIELD (0) 1 (Holmes, pen
73)
GRIMSBY (1) 4 (Cumming 26, 67,
Ford 63, Lester 75)
(Grimsby win 5-1 on aggregate)
Att 5,550
Huddersfield: Starling 6, Brown 6,
Robinson 5, Holmes 5, Sutton 5,
Harvey 5, ★LAVERICK 7, Hart 5,
Smith 5, Robins 5, Cowling 6
Grimsby: Batch 7, Moore, D 6,
Moore, K 7, ★WATERS 9 (sub
Lester 7), Wigginton 7, Stone 7, Broily
7, Ford 8, Liddell 7, Mitchell 8,
Cumming 8
Referee: P. N. Willis (Meadow Field)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

LIVERPOOL (0) 4 (Thompson 46,
Dalglish 49, 75, Fairclough 83)
TRANMERE ROVERS (0) 0
(Liverpool win 4-0 on aggregate)
Att 24,785
Liverpool: Clemence 7, Neal 7,
Kennedy, A 6, ★THOMPSON 8,
Kennedy, R 7, Hansen 7 (sub
Fairclough 7), Dalglish 7, Case 7,
Johnson 7, McDermott 7, Souness 7
Tranmere: Johnson 8, ★MATHIAS
9, Flood 7, Bramhall 7, Edwards 8,
Evans 7, O'Neil 7, Craven 6, Kerr 6
(sub Palios 7), Lumby 6, Peplow 6
Referee: N. J. Ashley (Nantwich)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

MANCHESTER CITY (0) 2 (Henry
88, 91)
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (0) 1
(Smith, pen 81)
(Manchester City win 3-2 on
aggregate)
Att 24,074
Manchester City: Corrigan 7,
Ranson 7, Stepanovic 7, Caton 7,
Booth 7, Power 7, Mackenzie 6,
Silkman 7, Robinson 8, Donachie 6,
★HENRY 9
Sheff Wed: Cox 7, Blackhall 7,
Mellor 7, Smith 7, Mullhen 7,
Hornsby 8, Curran 8, Porterfield 7,
Fleming 7, McCulloch 7, ★KING 9
Referee: C. Seel (Carlisle)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 1 (Jankovic
75)
DERBY (0) 1 (Crawford 67)
(Middlesbrough win 2-1 on aggregate)
Att 19,466
Middlesbrough: Platt 8, Craggs 6,
Bailey 6, Johnston 7, Ashcroft 6,

McAndrew 6, Hodgson 8, Hedley 6,
★JANKOVIC 9, Burns 5 (sub
Cummins 7)
Derby: Middleton 7, Langan 7,
Buckley 7, Moreland 7,
★MCFARLAND 9, Webb 6, Carter 7,
McCauley 6, Duncan 7, Clark 6,
Crawford 7
Referee: D. E. Clarke (Accrington)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

MANSFIELD (3) 3 (Taylor 31, Austin
37, 108, McClelland 44)
READING (1) 2 (Bowman 34,
Alexander 78)
After Extra Time
(Mansfield win 7-6 on aggregate)
Att 4,326
Mansfield: Arnold 5, Dawkins 6,
Foster 5, Curtis 5, Bird 6, McClelland
7, Lathan 6, Taylor 6, ★AUSTIN 8,
Hamilton 6, Allen 5
Reading: Death 7, Sparks 6, White 5,
★BOWMAN 8, Hetzke 6, Kearney 5,
Earles 7, Sanchez 5 (sub Alexander
6), Heale 5, Cheetham 5, Lewis 6
Referee: G. J. Naphthine
(Loughborough)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

OLDHAM (1) 3 (Hilton 28, Wood 50,
Heaton 52)
NORTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Denyer 58)
(Oldham win 4-3 on aggregate)
Att 4,850
Oldham: McDonnell 6, Wood 7,
Edwards 6, Hilton 7, Hicks 8, Hurst 7,
Keegan 6, Halom 7, Steel 6,
★STAINROD 8, Heaton 7
Northampton: ★JAYES 8, Walker 6,
Saunders 6, Farmer 6, Waldoock 7,
Ward 6, Denyer 7, Sargent 6,
Ashenden 7, Reilly 7, McCaffrey 6
(sub Taylor 6)
Referee: A. J. Hamml
(Wolverhampton)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

PRESTON (0) 0
BIRMINGHAM (0) 1 (Lynet 75)
(Birmingham win 3-1 on aggregate)
Att 11,043
Preston: Tunks 7, Taylor 7, Wilson 6,
Doyle 6, Baxter 7, ★O'RIORDON 8,
Coleman 5, Haslegrave 5, Elliott 5,
Potts 6, Bruce 6
Birmingham: Wealds 7, Lees 7,
Dennis 7, Curbishley 7, Gallagher 8,
Towers 7, Anscomb 7, Evans 6, Lynet
6, ★GEMMILL 9, Dilton 7
Referee: G. Owen (Anlisen)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

ROTHERHAM (1) 1 (Fern 31)
BRISTOL CITY (0) 1 (Mabbutt 87)
(Bristol City win 3-1 on aggregate)
Att 7,327
Rotherham: Mountford 6, Forrest 7,
Tiler 6, Rhodes 6, Green 7, Brackin 6,
Gooding 7, McEwan 7, Gwyther 7,
Fern 8, ★FINNEY 9
Bristol City: Shaw 6, Tainton 5,
Whitehead 6, ★GOW 8, Sweeney 5,
Merrick 5, Fitzpatrick 6, Ritchie 6,
Royle 6, Jantunen 6, Mabbutt 7
Referee: M. Scott (Nottingham)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

SHREWSBURY (0) 0
CHESTERFIELD (0) 0
(Chesterfield win 3-0 on aggregate)
Att 4,270
Shrewsbury: Mulhearn 7, King 7,
Leonard 7, Cross 8, Griffin 7, Keay 7,
Birch 5, Aikins 6, Tong 6 (sub
Lindsay 6), Biggins 7, ★MANN 8,
Chesterfield: Letheran 6, Tarrt 7,
O'Neill 6, Ridley 7, Green 8,
★HUNTER 9, Birch 7, Moss 8,
Walker 8, Salmans 6, Crawford 7
Referee: D. Webb (Sale)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

SWANSEA (1) 1 (Craig, pen 22)
STOKE (0) 3 (Crooks 55, 119,
Randall 93)
After Extra Time: 1-1 after 90 mins
Stoke win 3-2 on aggregate)
Att 20,039
Swansea: Crudington 6, Attley 5,
Bartley 5 (sub Baker 6), Charles 5,
★PHILLIPS 7, Rushbury 6, Craig 6,
Mahoney 6, Toshack 5, Waddell 6,
Callaghan 6
Stoke: Jones 6, Dodd 5, Scott 6,
Irwin 6, Smith 5, Doyle 6, Randall 6,

★HEATH 8, O Callaghan 7, Crooks 7,
Richardson 6
Referee: A. Cox (Croydon)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

WIMBLEDON (1) 2 (Downes 14,
Parsons 119)
ORIENT (0) 2 (Mayo 62, Margerrison
120)
After Extra Time, 1-1 after 90 mins
(Wimbledon won 5-4 on penalties)
Att 3,510
Wimbledon: ★GODDARD 9, Perkins
7, Jones 7, Galliers 7, Bowgett 7,
Cunningham 7, Ketteridge 8, Parsons
8, Leslie 7, Downes 8, Knowles 7,
Orient Day 7, Fisher 6, Roffey 6,
Margerrison 7, Taylor 6, Benjo 6,
Cherdozie 7 (sub Whittle 7), Jennings
7, Mayo 7, Hughton 7 ★COATES 8
Referee: M. R. Baker (Wolverhampton)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

WOLVES (1) 2 (Hibbitt 21, Palmer
61)
BURNLEY (0) 0
(Wolves win 3-1 on aggregate)
Att 18,213
Wolves: Bradshaw 7, ★PALMER 8,
Parkin 7, Daniel 7, Hughes 7, Berry 6,
Hibbitt 7, Carr 6, Rafferty 6, Clarke 6,
Patching 6
Burnley: Stevenson 7, ★SCOTT 8,
Brenan 7, Arns 6, Thomson 6,
Rodaway 7, Ingham 6, Dobson 7,
Jakub 6, Fletcher 7, James 6
Referee: K. Salmon (Barnet)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

Wednesday, Sept. 5

LEAGUE CUP Second Round, Second Leg

ASTON VILLA (0) 0
COLCHESTER (1) 2 (Lee 19, Gough
78)
After Extra Time, 2-2 after 90 mins
(Villa win 9-8 on penalties)
Att 19,473
Aston Villa: Rimmer 5, Gidman 7,
Gibson 6, Evans 7, McNaught 6,
★MORTIMER 8, Morley 6, Shaw 7,
Deehan 7, Cowans 5, Swain 6
Colchester: Walker 7, Packer 7,
Rowles 6, Leslie 6, Wignall 5, Wright
6, Hodge 6, Gough 7, Foley 7, ★LEE
8, Allinson 6
Referee: L. C. Shapter (Newton
Abbott)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

BLACKPOOL (0) 0
PETERBOROUGH (0) 1 (Kellock, pen
50)
(Peterborough win 1-0 on aggregate)
Att 5,254
Blackpool: McAlister 7, Thompson 6,
Pashley 6, ★DOYLE 8, Suddaby 6,
McEwan 6, Kerr 5, Kellow 6, Wilson
6 (sub Malone 6), Weston 6, Smith 6
Peterborough: Waugh 7, Carmichael
6, Phillips 6, Chard 7 (sub Guy 6),
Smith, T 6, Foster 6, Gynn 7, Kelock
7, ★QUOW 8, Robson 7, Lambert 7
Referee: K. Redfern (Whitley Bay)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

BRADFORD (0) 0
QPR (1) 2 (Gillard 12, Roeder 82)
(QPR win 4-1 on aggregate)
Att 11,372
Bradford: Smith 7, Podd 7, Watson 7,
Robertson 6, ★BAINES 8, Cooper 6,
Bates 7 (sub Wood 6), Dolan 6,
Staniforth 6, McNiven 6, Hutchins 6
QPR: Woods 7, Shanks 6, Gilard 7,
McCreery 6, Hazell 8, Roeder 8,
Bowles 6, ★GODDARD 9, Allen 6,
Currie 7, Harkouk 6
Referee: A. Porter (Bolton)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

CARDIFF (0) 1 (Buchanan 86)
EVERTON (0) 0
(Everton win 2-1 on aggregate)
Att 9,698
Cardiff: Healey 6, Jones 5, Sullivan
5, ★CAMPBELL 8, Roberts 7, Dwyer
6, Bishop 6, Stevens 6, Moore 5,
Ronson 7, Elliott 5 (sub Buchanan 6)
Everton: ★WOOD 8, Barton 6,
Bailey 6, Lyons 5, Higgins 6, Ross 7,

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Hartford 5, Stanley 5, King 6, Kidd 5, Eastoe 6
Referee: T D Spence (Wootton Bassett)
Match Rating: ★★

CHESTER (0) 1 (Sutcliffe 60)
SWINDON (0) 1 (Mayes 85)
(Swindon win 2-1 on aggregate)
Att: 3,930
Chester: Lloyd 7, Rayner 6, Walker 5, Storton 6, Cottam 4, Oakes 6, Sutcliffe 7, Jefferies 4, ★**EDWARDS** 8, Phillips 7, Henderson 7
Swindon: Allen 7, Templeman 8, Lewis 4, McHale 7, Tucker 8, Stroud 5, Miller 6, Carter 5, Rowland 7, ★**MAYES** 8, Williams 4
Referee: D Lloyd (Worcester)
Match Rating: ★★

EXETER CITY (1) 5 (Hatch 35, Neville, pen 71, Sims 82, Bowker 104, 117)
DONCASTER ROVERS (0) 1 (Dowie 65)
After Extra Time, 3-1 after 90 mins
(Exeter win 8-4 on aggregate)
Att: 3,021
Exeter: O'Keefe 6, Roberts 6 (sub Bowker 8), Rogers, M 5, Hore 7, Giles 7, Rogers, P 6, Neville 6, Hatch 8, ★**SIMS** 9, Delves 7, Pullar 6
Doncaster: Peacock 7, Russell 7, Ripley 6, Lister 6, Lally 6 (sub Lewis 6), Dowd 7, Pugh 7, ★**MEAGAM** 9, Warboys 8, Dowie 8, Bentley 7
Referee: T G Bune (Billingshurst)
Match Rating: ★★

FULHAM (0) 0
WBA (1) 1 (Robson 16)
(WBA win 2-1 on aggregate)
Att: 11,542
Fulham: Peyton 6, Peters 6, Strong 7, Bullivant 6, Money 8, Ga e 7, ★**MARINELLO** 8, Beck 7, Gauth e 6, Lock 7, Davies 5
WBA: Godden 4, Batson 5, Statham 6, Treweek 6, Wile 7, Robertson 6, Robson 7, Mills 6, Brown 6, Owen 7, ★**BARNES** 8
Referee: C. A. Maskell (Cambridge)
Match Rating: ★★

MANCHESTER UNITED (1) 3 (Thomas 27, Coppell 52, Miller, og 58)
SPURS (0) 1 (Armstrong 50)
(Manchester Utd win 4-3 on aggregate)
Att: 48,292
Man Utd: Bailey 7, Nichol 6, Albiston 7, ★**MCLROY** 9, Houston 6 (sub Ritchie 6), Buchan 7, Coppell 8, Wilkins 6, Jordan 7, Macari 7, Thomas 7
Spurs: Daines 6, Hughton 6, Smith 7, Yorath 6, Miller 6, Perryman 7, ★**PRATT** 8, Lacy 5, Armstrong 6, Hodd e 7, Lee 5
Referee: T L Morris (Leeds)
Match Rating: ★★

NEWCASTLE UTD (0) 2 (Boam 78, Shoulder 82)
SUNDERLAND (0) 2 (Brown 72, 89)
After Extra Time, 2-2 after 90 mins
(Sunderland win 7-6 on penalties)
Att: 30,533
Newcastle: Hardwick 8, Brown 7, Davies 6, Martin 6, Barton 7, Boam 6, Shoulder 6, Pearson 6, ★**WITHE** 9, Hibbitt 6, Nicholson 5 (sub Cartwright 6)
Sunderland: ★**SIDDALL** 9, Whithworth 6, Bolton 6, Clarke 7, Elliot 7, Ashurst 7, Buckley 6, Rostron 8, Brown 8, Robson 6, Rowell 6 (sub Chisholm 6)
Referee: P Partridge (Long Auckland)
Match Rating: ★★

NORWICH (1) 4 (Taylor 27, Paddon 52, 86, Reeves 74)
GILLINGHAM (2) 2 (Bruce 25, 41)
(Norwich won 5-3 on aggregate)
Att: 10,565
Norwich: Keelan 6, Bond 7, Symonds 6, McGuire 6, Hoadley 6, Nightingale 6, Ryan 5, Reeves 7, Fashanu 6, ★**PADDON** 9, Taylor 7
Gillingham: Hillyard 6, Sharp 6, Barker 6 (sub Westwood 6), Overton 6, Weatherley 7, Crabbe 6, Nicholl 6,

Bruce 8, ★**PRICE** 9, Funnel 8, Richardson 7
Referee: A. Seville (Birmingham)
Match Rating: ★★

NOTTM FOREST (2) 6 (Bowyer 4, 55, Robertson, pen 29, 85, Gray 69, Woodcock 71)
BLACKBURN (1) 1 (Craig 28)
(Nottm Forest win 7-2 on aggregate)
Att: 21,244
Nottm Forest: Shilton 6, Anderson 6, Gray 7, McGovern 6, Lloyd 8, Burns 5, O'Neill 6, ★**BOWYER** 9, Birtles 6, Woodcock 7, Robertson 8
Blackburn: Butcher 7, Round 5, Morley 5, Kendall 7, Keeley 5, Fazackerley 6, Garner 7, Fowler 6 (sub Coughlin 5), Craig 5, McKenzie 7, ★**PARKES** 8
Referee: D. Hutchinson (Cambridge)
Match Rating: ★★

TORQUAY (0) 0
NOTTS COUNTY (1) 1 (Hooks 45)
(Notts County win 1-0 on aggregate)
Att: 4,531
Torquay: Turner 5, Twitchin 6, Ritchie 6, Larmour 6, Bourne 6, Sermann 6, Davies 7, Lawrence 7, ★**COOPER** 8, Smith 7, Murphy 6
Notts County: ★**AVRAMOVIC** 9, Richards 6, O'Brien 6, Hunt 6, Kikline 6, Blockley 7, McCulloch 6, Masson 6, Christie 5, Hooks 7, Mair 6
Referee: W. Bombroff (Bristol)
Match Rating: ★★

WREXHAM (0) 0
SOUTHAMPTON (1) 3 (Hebbard 14, Hayes 50, Boyer 83)
(Southampton win 8-0 on aggregate)
Att: 5,134
Wrexham: Davies 6, Cegielski 5, Dwyer 7, Davis 7, ★**JONES** 8, Cartwright 5 (sub Buxton 7), Sutton 7, McNeill 5, Whittle 5, Fox 5
Southampton: Genoa 6, ★**GOLAC** 8, Peach 7, Williams 7, Nichol 7, Waldron 6, Baker 7, Boyer 7, Hebbard 7, Hayes 7, Holmes 6
Referee: K W Baker (Rugby)
Match Rating: ★★

Friday, Sept. 7

Division Three

SOUTHEND UNITED (0) 1 (Morris, pen 63)
BLACKPOOL (2) 2 (Wilson 12, Kelow 15)
Att: 5,600
Southend: Cawston 6, Dudley 7, Moody 6, Cusack 6, Yates 6, Stead 6 (sub Poutney 7), Gray 6, Otulakowski 7, ★**TUOHY** 8, Barker 6, Morris 6
Blackpool: ★**McALISTER** 8, Gardner 6, Ashley 7, Doyle 7, Suddaby 7, McEwan 6, Malone 7, Kellow 7, Wilson 7, Smith 7, Weston 7
Referee: P G Bune (Billingshurst)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Four

CREWE ALEXANDRA (0) 0
PORT VALE (2) 2 (Chamberlain 12, 37)
Att: 4,539
Crewe: Phillips 5, ★**WILKINSON** 8, Dulton 6, Hunter 6, Scott 6, Bowles 5, Bowers 7, Lewis 6, Coyne 4, Purdie 6, Ashworth 5 (sub Nelson 6)
Port Vale: Connaughton 6, Keenan 7, Griffiths 6, Beech 7, Sproson 6, Bentley 7, Bromage 7, Farrell 6, Wright 5, ★**CHAMBERLAIN** 8, Healey 6
Referee: R. Toseland (Market Harborough)
Match Rating: ★★

NORTHAMPTON TOWN (0) 0
HALIFAX TOWN (0) 0
Att: 2,769
Northampton: Jayes 6, Walker 6, Saunders 6, ★**FARMER** 8, Waldoock 7, Ward 6, Danyer 7, Sargent 6, McCaffrey 6, Reilly 7, Bowen 6
Halifax: ★**LEONARD** 8, Dunleavy 7, Hutt 6, Evans 7, Harris 7, Hendrie 6, Firth 5 (sub Mountford 6), Kennedy 6, Burke 6, Johnson 5, Garmintus 6
Referee: M Bidmead (Chesham)
Match Rating: ★

Saturday, Sept. 8

Division One

ASTON VILLA (0) 0
MANCHESTER UTD (1) 3 (Coppell 17, Thomas, pen 70, Grimes 85)
Att: 34,891
Aston Villa: Rimmer 7, Gidman 6, Shelton 5, Evans 7, McNaught 6, Mortimer 6, Morley 6, ★**SHAW** 8, Deenan 6, Cowans 6, Swain 5
Man Utd: Bailey 7, Nichol 6, Albiston 5, Mollroy 6, McQueen 7, Buchan 7, Coppell 6, Wilkins 7, Jordan 6 (sub Grimes 6), ★**MACARI** 8, Thomas 6
Referee: P G Reeves (Leicester)
Match Rating: ★★

BOLTON WANDERERS (0) 0
WBA (0) 0
Att: 17,033
Bolton: McDonagh 6, Clement 7, Nicholson 6, Greaves 7, Jones 6, Walsh 6, Morgan 6, Whatmore 5 (sub Worthington 6), ★**GOWLING** 8, Cantello 5, Burke 6
WBA: ★**GODDEN** 8, Batson 6, Statham 7, Treweek 6, Wile 6, Robertson 6, Robson 7, Brown A 6, Brown, T 6, Owen 6, Barnes 7
Referee: M Lowe (Sheffield)
Match Rating: ★★

MANCHESTER CITY (0) 0
SOUTHAMPTON (1) 1 (Holmes 24)
Att: 34,920
Man City: Corrigan 7, Ranson 7, Stepanovic 6, Caton 7, Donachie 8, Power 5, Mackenzie 6, Skelman 7, ★**ROBINSON** 8 (sub Henry), Daley 7, Lee 6
Southampton: Genoa 7, Golac 6, Peach 7, ★**WILLIAMS** 8, Nichol 6, Waldron 6, Baker 7, Boyer 6, Hebbard 6, Hayes 6, Holmes 7
Referee: A. Hammil (Wolverhampton)
Match Rating: ★★

DERBY COUNTY (0) 3 (Langan 47, McCaffery 54, Duncan 89)
ARSENAL (2) 2 (Sunderland 19, Stapleton 39)
Att: 16,429
Derby County: Middleton 6, Langan 8, Buckley 7, ★**POWELL** 9, Wicks 6, Webb 7, Moreland 7, McCaffery 7



Steve Daley, in Manchester City colours for the first time after his £1,450,277 transfer from Wolves, in a tussle with Southampton's Graham Baker at Maine Road on Saturday. Saints scored a shock win with a 24th minute Nick Holmes goal.

TALK at Tottenham has switched from our poor start to the season to the controversy surrounding my great friend Ricardo Villa.

Ricky was dropped for our game at Stoke and was very upset. He refused to be substitute in our League Cup first leg game with Manchester United because he said he couldn't motivate himself.

Like all Argentinian players Ricky needs to be playing to be happy. He was upset for a time but now I think things are better with him. For the moment anyway he will stay with Tottenham.

My future also came in for comment in a recent Sunday newspaper article. It said that I might be leaving Spurs, but I can honestly say I am very happy here and have no intention of leaving – even if Ricky does go.

Disastrous

Our first-leg victory over Manchester United broke the ice after our disastrous start. It was nice to win again, particularly with such a fine goal from Glen Hoddle. It really did scream into the net.

Up until that game we had not been playing as a team. We were also giving away silly goals and for this reason I was delighted when Terry Yorath joined us from Coventry. I'm certain that once he settles down Terry will prove a great asset. He's a fine player and his aggression is just what we need.

Our opening two games against Middlesbrough and Norwich were amazing because in each case we were the better side until we conceded our first goal.

Both teams got off to a great start to the season but I was not particularly impressed with either of them – despite our heavy defeats.

For long periods we were a better side than Norwich. But all credit to them – they took their chances well and ended up with four goals.

I certainly don't think either team will be challenging for the League at the end of the season. I go along with everybody else who tips Liverpool and Nottingham Forest to be the two main contenders.

Impressive

Liverpool impressed me more than any other team last year. The players always maintain the same high standard for each game and the team is so consistent.

The Forest style of play is, I think, more suited to cup finals. They seem to be able to raise their game for these one-off occasions – such

as when they beat Liverpool in last year's European Cup. But of the two I prefer to watch Liverpool. They are a much more attacking side.

Other teams I know will give Tottenham a harder game than most are Ipswich and West Bromwich Albion. Although both have started badly this season I expect them to come good at the finish.

Of the players I saw last year many stick out in my mind. Liam Brady, Kenny Dalglish, Ray Kennedy, Peter Shilton, Gary Bailey, Graeme Souness, Laune Cunningham, Cyrille

Regis, Kenny Sansom and Andy Gray all took my eye. One of the most impressive players I saw was Forest's John Robertson.

How I like to see this man play. He is very, very intelligent on the ball and does just what the team needs at the right moments.

● Next week I will be writing about the differences between the physical side of the game in Argentina and England.

Nottingham Forest's John Robertson – such an intelligent player. Here he shoots wide against Coventry in an early-season game.



Staying Power



...It's vital for a title says Bobby Clark of Aberdeen

AFTER 15 years in professional football with Aberdeen there is one glaring gap in the honours I've collected along the way — a League Championship medal.

I've been privileged to play for my country 17 times. I have a Scottish Cup Winners' medal and two-runners-up and one League Cup Winners' medal and one runners-up. But as any professional will tell you the one to win is the Championship medal.

It's the one which, in effect, sorts out the men from the boys. Given the breaks a Cup win is easy by comparison. To win the League calls for that extra special quality of consistency and staying power.

I know it's fashionable for the critics to ask who is going to be third behind the Old Firm and certainly when I look at the records it's easy to understand that view. After all, it was way back in '65 when a club other than Celtic or Rangers took the title when Kilmarnock pipped Hearts on goal average.

And it's particularly hard in the ten-club Premier Division when competition is so ferocious. For that reason I am not making any rash predictions other than saying Aberdeen have the best pool of players they've had in my time at Pittodrie.

But what makes the difference is

what former Rangers' manager Jock Wallace called character. A perfect example is the way the ten-man Celtic came back from two goals down in their recent match with Rangers. They snatched a point only by refusing to concede the game had gone beyond them.

It's easy to adopt that attitude in front of a huge and noisy crowd who create the right atmosphere, but unfortunately it's in the games lacking match atmosphere where it's difficult.

However, in a very competitive league I feel we are overcoming this. I know the Premier League has its critics but I think it has been good for the game in Scotland.

Cut-throat

Perhaps the 20 per cent casualty rate is too high with two clubs relegated at the end of the season, but there is no doubt that the cut-throat competition has got clubs and players working far harder at their game.

Some managers reckon that this competition does not allow them to develop and bring through young players quickly enough. I don't agree.

Think of youngsters like Raymond Stewart of Dundee United, recently transferred to West Ham for £400,000. At Aberdeen we have players like Alex McLeish and Doug Rougvie. Rangers have talented mid-field man Bobby Russell and Celtic have youngster Mike Conroy — to name but a few.

Ability

They have shown that if you have the talent and ability there's no way it can be held back and I would like to think that, because of the Premier League, they have become even better players.

This weekend Aberdeen play Rangers at Pittodrie in a clash which always packs the stadium and invariably produces a great game. We have a good record against Rangers on our own ground.

But it's what happens playing against the likes of Partick Thistle or Kilmarnock, in front of small crowds, which will count. These are the matches we have slipped up in in the past. Hopefully it's a lesson we have learned well.

Bobby Clark (above) — "Aberdeen have the best pool of players I've known in 15 years at Pittodrie."

Right: Rangers talented mid-field man Bobby Russell in action against Celtic earlier this season.





Ally-gations

BITTERNESS surrounding Scotland's World Cup flop in Argentina has surfaced again with the publication of manager Ally MacLeod's book — *The Ally MacLeod Story*.

While there are no further shock revelations Ally has stirred up a fury by contradicting the S.F.A. on several issues including the Willie Johnston drugs scandal.

He alleges several other players had the drug Reactavin in their possession in Argentina but would not name anyone concerned.

The S.F.A. meanwhile are ignoring the book with Secretary Ernie Walker confining himself to the curt comment "If there had been as much invention put into our play in Argentina then we would have won the World Cup."

One enterprising Glasgow businessman has put World Cup tee-shirts up for sale — as top quality dusters. There are not too many takers at 50p a time.

Rough diamond

HAVE you heard the one about the Scottish player injured falling on a baseball diamond? The unlucky star is Walker McCall, the St. Johnstone striker who has been playing for San Diego Sockers in the United States.

Sockers play their matches on a pitch which is also used for baseball and McCall broke his ankle and damaged ligaments in a fall on the diamond. He will be out of action for the rest of the year.

Red-hot Rangers

SUNBEDS and solariums are very much the in-thing with the Rangers' players. Goalkeeper Peter McCloy and forward Gordon Smith have gone into partnership in the health business in Kilmarnock and winger Tommy McLean (**RIGHT**) has opened up his own establishment in Lanarkshire.

McFaul at fault

SCOTTISH League Cup first round tie between Albion Rovers and East Stirling created a big row because of a blunder by referee Andrew McFaul.

At the end of the second leg tie with both clubs locked on a 1-1 aggregate the referee ordered a penalty kick decider which East Stirling won 9-8. Then it was discovered the referee should have allowed extra time.

The outcome was a protest, a replay and a 4-1 win for Rovers who then moved into the second round.

Weighty problem

LOSE weight or else! That was the ultimatum to Scotland's Player-of-the-Year Andy Ritchie when Morton manager Benny Rooney discovered he weighed in pre-season at 15 stone.

Thanks to a strict diet and extra training Andy got pounds off and he is a trifle trimmer at 13 stone and looks like regaining the scoring form which won him his reward last season.

King Kenny

SCOTLAND and Liverpool star Kenny Dalglish has his own fan club in Rutherglen near Glasgow. Most home games at Anfield sees a bus leave at 8 a.m. and arrives back around 10 p.m. on a Saturday night.

The club is limited to 51 members and they travel by luxury coach which includes T.V., coffee and snacks. The club is registered with Liverpool and so get a ticket a location for each home match.

Cost is £6 and two kids are taken along as guests each time they go south. The club is organised by Pat Harkins who also happens to be Dalglish's father-in-law.



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TWO FORMER England colleagues, Rodney Marsh and Alan Ball were due to meet head-on, on Saturday in the final of the North American Soccer Bowl — in a finale to another thrilling NASL season.

Ball's Vancouver Whitecaps caused the shock of the season by ousting holders and hot favourites, New York Cosmos, while Marsh led Tampa Bay Rowdies to victory over San Diego Sockers.

Both ties were frantic affairs. Vancouver beat Cosmos 2-0 in the first-leg, but Cosmos evened the score in a shoot-out. It needed 30 minutes extra time and a further

Soccer USA



Alan Ball has had to delay his return to First Division Southampton, after leading Vancouver Whitecaps into the Soccer Bowl Final.

shoot-out to split them, when Ex-Millwall Dynamo Derek Possee grabbed the decider.

Having lost the first-leg of the semi-final in San Diego, Rowdies, levelled the tie in another shoot-out, after substitute keeper Winston Debose had blocked all three Sockers attempts. John Grnja, took Rowdies into the final with a goal two minutes into extra time.

● We will carry a full report of the Soccer Bowl final, to be played in New York, in next week's issue.



JOHAN Cruyff, the former Dutch World Cup star has made his mark in a big way on the American scene by being voted 'Attacking Player of the Year'.

After scoring two goals in his first NASL game for Los Angeles Aztecs, the 32-year-old ex-Ajax and Barcelona player notched a further 11 goals in 23 games, with 16 'assists'. Over the season Cruyff was picked as attacking player of the game 10 times and player of the week once.

His nearest rival was Dennis Tuert of New York Cosmos, who received six game selections and was twice named player of the week.

The race for defender of the year was much closer and in fact ended in a tie between, John Dempsey (Philadelphia Fury) and Nick Mijatovic of the Rochester Lancers.

Now 33, Dempsey the former Chelsea centre-half, turned in some outstanding performances against the likes of top marksmen Alan Willey, Oscar Fabbiani and Gerd Muller.

In his four seasons with Rochester, the dependable Yugoslav Mijatovic has averaged 25 games a season. And how's this for factual information . . . has committed just 122 fouls in 101 matches!

Coach of the year is 36-year-old Finn Timo Liekoski, who coached Houston Hurricane from a lowly

position last year to a leading mark in the American conference in 1979. All this was accomplished with the same players as last year. And this is what earned the admiration of the League's coaches and managers, who conducted the ballot.

NEW York Cosmos dominated the selection of the NASL All-Star team of the year awards with no fewer than five of their players voted into an NASL XI by readers of *Sporting News*.

The All-Star members are listed in order of the number of votes received at each position (in 4-3-3 formation):

First Team: Phil Parkes, (Vancouver); Carlos Alberto, (New York); Bruce Wilson, (Chicago); Wim Ritsbergen, (New York); Mike Connell, (Tampa Bay); Franz Beckenbauer, (New York); Johan Neeskens, (New York); Ace Ntsolengoe, (Minnesota); Johan Cruyff, (Los Angeles); Trevor Francis, (Detroit); Georgio Chinaglia, (New York).

Second Team: Paul Hammond, (Houston); Marinho, (New York); John Gorman, (Tampa Bay); Mihali Keri, (Los Angeles); Bob Lenarduzzi, (Vancouver); Teofilo Cubillas, (Ft. Lauderdale); Vladislav Bogicevic, (New York); Alan Ball, (Vancouver); Oscar Fabbiani, (Tampa Bay); Karl-Heinz Granitza, (Chicago); Gerd Mueller, (Ft. Lauderdale).

Third Team: Alan Mayer, (San Diego); Steve Litt, (Minnesota); Bobby Smith, (San Diego); Willem Suurbier, (Los Angeles); Artur, (New England); Rodney Marsh, (Tampa Bay); Alan Hudson, (Seattle); Gerry Daly, (New England); Jorgen Kristensen, (Chicago); Steve Wegerle, (Tampa Bay); Dennis Tueart, (New York).



Jubilant . . . but short-lived. Georgio Chinaglia (9) celebrates with Brazilian Marinho after scoring for New York Cosmos against Tulsa Roughnecks. But in the semi-final they suffered a shock exit at the hands of Vancouver.

The final tables for the National and American conference leagues.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE							AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
	Final Positions							Final Positions					
EAST	W	L	GF	GA	BP	Pts	EAST	W	L	GF	GA	BP	Pts
New York	24	6	84	52	72	216	Tampa Bay	19	11	67	46	169	
Washington	19	11	88	50	58	172	Ft. Lauderdale	17	13	75	65	63	165
Toronto	14	16	52	65	49	133	Philadelphia	10	20	55	60	51	111
Rochester	15	15	43	57	42	132	New England	12	18	41	56	38	110
CENTRAL	W	L	GF	GA	BP	Pts	CENTRAL	W	L	GF	GA	BP	Pts
Minnesota	21	9	67	48	58	184	Houston	22	8	61	46	55	187
Dallas	17	13	53	51	50	152	Chicago	16	14	70	62	63	159
Tulsa	14	16	61	56	55	139	Detroit	14	16	61	56	49	133
Atlanta	12	18	59	61	49	121	Memphis	6	24	38	74	37	73
WEST	W	L	GF	GA	BP	Pts	WEST	W	L	GF	GA	BP	Pts
Vancouver	20	10	54	34	52	172	San Diego	15	15	59	55	50	140
Los Angeles	18	12	62	47	54	162	California	15	15	53	56	50	140
Seattle	13	17	58	42	47	125	Edmonton	8	22	43	78	40	88
Portland	11	19	50	75	46	112	San Jose	8	22	41	74	38	86

Match Facts..... Match Facts..... Match Facts.....

Duncan 6, Crawford 5 (sub. Carter 6), Hill 6.
Arsenal: Jennings 5, Rice 5, Nelson 6, Talbot 6, O'Leary 6, Young 4.
★BRADY 7, Sunderland 6, Stapleton 6, Hollins 6, Rix 5.
Referee: J. Worrall (Warrington)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

IPSWICH (0) 1 (Woods 53)
BRISTOL CITY (0) 0
 Att: 16,915
 Ipswich: Cooper 7, Burley 7, Mills 7, Osborne 6, Osman 7, Butcher 7, Wark 7, Muhren 6, Mariner 5 (sub. Gates), **★BRAZIL 8**, Woods 7.
 Bristol City: **★SHAW 8**, Tainton 7, Whitehead 7, Gow 7, Sweeney 7, Merrick 7, Fitzpatrick 6, Ritchie 5, Royle 5, Jantunen 5 (sub. Cormack 5), Mabbutt 7.
Referee: K. Salmon (Barnet)
Match Rating: ★★

LIVERPOOL (1) 4 (Johnson 27, 90, Case 57, Dalglish 63)
COVENTRY CITY (0) 0
 Att: 39,962
 Liverpool: Clemence 7, Neal 7, Kennedy, A. T. Thompson 7.
★KENNEDY, R 9, Irwin 8, Dalglish 7, Case 8, Johnson 8, McDermott 7, Souness 6.
 Coventry City: Sealey 8, Roberts 7, **★MCDONALD 9**, Collier 6, Holton 7, Gillespie 7, Hutchison 8, English 6, Ferguson 5 (sub. Blair 6), Powell 6, Hunt 6.
Referee: J. D. Hough (Macclesfield)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 1 (Proctor 20)
NORWICH CITY (0) 0
 Att: 19,575
 Middlesbrough: Platt 8, Craggs 7, Bailey 7, Johnston 8, Ashcroft 6, McAndrew 7, Hodgson 8, Proctor 8, **★JANKOVIC 9**, Cummins 7, Armstrong 7.
 Norwich City: Keelan 8, **★BOND 9**, Symons 7, Nightingale 7 (sub. Ryan 6), Hoadley 7, Powell 7, Neighbour 7, Reeves 7, Fashanu 6, Paddon 6, Taylor 7.
Referee: T. Mills (Barnsley)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (0) 0
LEEDS UNITED (0) 0
 Att: 26,914
 Nottm Forest: Shilton 7, Anderson 7, Gray, F. 5, McGovern 6, **★LLOYD 8**, Burns 7, O'Neill 7, Bowyer 6, Birtles 7, Woodcock 7, Robertson 7.
 Leeds: **★HARVEY 9**, Hird 6, Hampton 5, Flynn 6, Hart 7, Madeley 7, Gray, E. 5, Cherry 6, Hankin 5, Curtis 6, Graham 5.
Referee: P. J. Richardson (Lincoln)
Match Rating: ★★

STOKE (2) 2 (O'Callaghan 18, Smith 35)
EVERTON (2) 3 (King 12, Bailey 14, Irvine 81)
 Att: 23,460
 Stoke: Jones 4, Evans 6, Scott 7, Irvine 5 (sub. Busby), Smith 7, Doyle 7, Randall 7, Heath 6.
★O'CALLAGHAN 8, Crooks 7, Richardson 7.
 Everton: Wood 6, Wright 6, Bailey 7, Lyons 6, Higgins 6, Ross 6, Hartford 8, Stanley 6, **★KING 9**, Kidd 8, Eastoe 5.
Referee: A. Seville (Birmingham)
Match Rating: ★★

TOTTENHAM (1) 2 (Armstrong 13, Hoddle, pen 78)
BRIGHTON (0) 1 (Horton 80)
 Att: 34,107
 Tottenham: Daines 6, Hughton 7, Miller 6, Perryman 6, Southey 7, Yorath 5, Pratt 5 (sub. Beavon), Hoddle 7, Jones 6, **★ARMSTRONG 9**, Lee 4.

Brighton: Steele 6, Gregory 5, Foster 6, Lawrenson 6 (sub. Ryan 6), Williams 5, **★HORTON 8**, Clark 6, Sayer 6, O'Sullivan 6, Ward 5, Maybank 4.
Referee: C. Maskell (Cambridge)
Match Rating: ★★

WOLVES (0) 1 (Clarke 52)
CRYSTAL PALACE (1) 1 (Swindlehurst 32)
 Att: 24,580
 Wolves: Bradshaw 7, **★PALMER 9**, Parkin 7, Daniel 8, Hughes 8, Berry 8, Hibbitt 6, Carr 7, Rafferty 6, Clarke 8, Patching 6 (sub. Eves).
 Crystal Palace: Burridge 8, Hinshelwood 7, Sansom 7, Nicholas 8, Cannon 7, Gilbert 6, Murphy 6, **★FRANCIS 9**, Swindlehurst 7, Flanagan 7, Hilaire 8.
Referee: D. E. Clarke (Accrington)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Two

BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 1 (Barrowclough, pen 80)
WATFORD (0) 1 (Jenkins 60)
 Att: 6,137
 Bristol Rovers: **★THOMAS 8**, Pulis 6, Bate 7, Aitken 6, Harding 7, Emmanuel 6, Barrowclough 7, Williams 7, White 5, Dennehy 6 (sub. Clarke 6), Cooper 7.
 Watford: Rankin 7, How 5, Harrison 6, Booth 6, Sims 7, Garner 6, Joslyn 6, **★BLISSETT 8**, Jenkins 7, Train 6, Downes 6.
Referee: M. Baker (Wolverhampton)
Match Rating: ★★

BURNLEY (0) 1 (Kindon 84)
OLDHAM ATHLETIC (1) 1 (Heaton 9)
 Att: 6,832
 Burnley: Stevenson 6, Scott 6, Brennan 6 (sub. Kindon 8), Arins 6, Thomson 7, Rodaway 6, Ingham 6, **★DOBSON 8**, Jakub 6, Fletcher 5, James 7.
 Oldham: McDonnell 6, Wood 6, Edwards 6, Hilton 6, **★HICKS 8**, Hurst 6, Keegan 6, Halom 6, Steele 7, Stainrod 7, Heaton 7.
Referee: N. Ashley (Nantwich)
Match Rating: ★★

CARDIFF CITY (0) 1 (Stevens 80)
SHREWSBURY TOWN (0) 0
 Att: 8,688
 Cardiff: **★HEALEY 8**, Jones 7, Sullivan 6, Campbell 7, Roberts 7, Thomas 6, Bishop 5 (sub. Elliot 7), Stevens 6, Moore 6, Ronson 6, Buchanan 5.
 Shrewsbury: Mulhearn 6, King 6, Leonard 6, Cross 4 (sub. Edwards), Griffin 6, **★KEAY 7**, Birch 5, Atkins 5, Tong 6, Lindsay 6, Mann 5.
Referee: L. Burden (Corfe Mullen)
Match Rating: ★★

CHARLTON (1) 1 (Hales 38)
WREXHAM (0) 2 (Giles 75, Vinter 76)
 Att: 5,929
 Charlton: Johns 6, Campbell 6, Warman 7, Tydeman 6, **★BERRY 8**, Madden 7, Powell 6, Hales 7, Robinson 6, Walker 7 (sub. Booth 6), Ambrose 7.
 Wrexham: **★DAVIES 8**, Cegielski 7 (sub. Williams 6), Dwyer 6, Davis 7, Jones 7, Giles 7, Vinter 7, Sutton 7, McNeil 6, Buxton 6, Hill 6.
Referee: M. J. Taylor (Woolmer)
Match Rating: ★★

CHELSEA (0) 1 (Walker 54)
BIRMINGHAM CITY (0) 2 (Lynex 53, Curbishley 62)
 Att: 17,182
 Chelsea: Borota 6, Locke 6, Wilkins 6, Burnstead 6, Droy 6, Nutton 7, Walker 7, Osgood 5 (sub. Chivers), Langley 6, Aylott 5, **★FILLERY 8**.
 Birmingham: Wealands 6, Lees 6, Dennis 7, Curbishley 7, Gallagher 6, Towers 6, Ainscow 7, Evans 6, Lynex 7, **★GEMMILL 9**, Dillon 6.
Referee: C. Thomas (Porthcawl)
Match Rating: ★★

LEICESTER CITY (0) 1 (Young 85)
NOTTS COUNTY (0) 0
 Att: 16,595
 Leicester: Wallington 8, Williams 7, Rofe 7 (sub. Goodwin 6), Peake 6, May 7, O'Neill 7, **★BYRNE 9**, Henderson 7, Young 8, Kelly 6, Smith 6.
 Notts County: **★AVRAMOVIC 9**, Richards 7, O'Brien 6, Hunt 6, Stubbs 6.

7, Blockley 7, McCulloch 7, Masson 7, Christie 7, Hooks 6, Mair 8.
Referee: C. B. White (Harrow)
Match Rating: ★★

LUTON (2) 5 (Moss, pen 10m 89, Hatton 17, West 58, Hill 60)
SWANSEA (0) 0
 Att: 10,004
 Luton (2) 5 (Moss, pen 10, 89, Donaghy 6, Grealish 7, Saxby 7, Price 6, Hill 7, West 7, Stein 7, Hatton 7, **★MOSS 8**.
 Swansea: Crudgington 7, Atley 6, Marustik 5, Charles 7, Phillips 7, Rushbury 6, **★CRAIG 8**, Mahoney 7, Baker 6, Waddle 6 (sub. Stevenson 6), Callaghan 6.
Referee: J. E. Bray (Hinckley)
Match Rating: ★★



Terry Hibbitt — Newcastle's star at Orient in the 4-1 win.

ORIENT (0) 1 (Jennings 90)
NEWCASTLE (3) 4 (Shoulder, pen 8, Cartwright 28, Withe 30, Hibbitt 65)
 Att: 5,700
 Orient: Day 6, Fisher 5, Roffey 5, Margerrison 6, Taylor 4, Banjo 5, **★CHIEDOZIE 7**, Jennings 6, Mayo 5, Hughton 5, Coates 6.
 Newcastle: Hardwick 7, Brownlie 6, Davies 6, Martin 8, Boam 6, Barton 6, Shoulder 8, Cassidy 8 (sub. Walker), Withe 8, **★HIBBITT 9**, Cartwright 7.
Referee: A. Gunn (Burgess Hill)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

PRESTON (1) 1 (Coleman 45)
WEST HAM UTD (0) 1 (Cross 62)
 Att: 10,460
 Preston: Tunks 7, Taylor 7, Cameron 6, Doyle 6, Baxter 7, **★O'RIORDAN 8**, Coleman 7, Haslegrave 6, Elliott 5, Potts 6, Thomson 5.
 West Ham: Parkes 7, Lampard 7, Brush 6, Bonds 7, Stewart 7, Holland 7, Pike 6, Morgan 6, **★CROSS 8**, Brookling 7, Banton 6.
Referee: P. Willis (Meadowfield)
Match Rating: ★★

QPR (0) 3 (Goddard 61, Allen 66, Currie 73)
FULHAM (0) 0
 Att: 17,105
 QPR: Woods 6, Shanks 7, Gillard 7, McCreery 7, Hazell 6 (sub. Harkouk 6), Roeder 6, Bowles 7, Goddard 7, Allen 8, **★CURRIE 9**, Burke 6.
 Fulham: Peyton 6, Peters 7, Strong 6, Bullivant 7, Money 6, Gale 6, **★MARINELLO 8**, Beck 7, Guthrie 6, Lock 7, Davies 7.
Referee: H. R. Robinson (Woodbridge, Suffolk)
Match Rating: ★★

SUNDERLAND (2) 2 (Buckley 8, Elliott 15)
CAMBRIDGE UTD (0) 0
 Att: 22,898
 Sunderland: Siddall 7, Whitworth 7, Bolton 7, Clarke 8, Elliott 8, **★BUCKLEY 9**, Ashurst 7, Roston 7, Brown 7, Robson 7, Rowell 7.
 Cambridge: **★WEBSTER 8**, Graham 7, Smith 7, Stringer 7, Streete 6.

Cozens 6, Christie 6 (sub. Turner 7), Spriggs 6, Murray 7, Finney 6, Biley 7.
Referee: K. Walmsley (Blackpool)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Three

BARNLEY (1) 1 (Riley 2)
MANSFIELD (0) 0
 Att: 10,588
 Barnley: Pierce 7, Flavell 7, Collins 6, Glavin 6, Dugdale 6, McCarthy 7, Little 6 (sub. Speedie), **★RILEY 8**, Pugh 6, Bank 6, Bell 6.
 Mansfield: Arnold 7, Dawkins 6, Foster 6, Curtis 6, Bird 6, McClelland 6, Lathan 7, Taylor 6, Austen 6, Hamilton 6, **★ALLEN 8**.
Referee: P. Partridge (Co. Durham)
Match Rating: ★★

CARLISLE (0) 1 (Hamilton 87)
GILLINGHAM (2) 2 (Price 29, Bannon og 41)
 Att: 3,411
 Carlisle: Swinburne 6, Hoolickin 6, McCartney 7, MacDonald 7, Ludlam 6, Parker 6, **★BEARDSLEY 8**, Hamilton 6, Bannon 6, Kemp 6, McCauley 6 (sub. McVitie 7).
 Gillingham: Hillyard 7, Sharpe 6, Barker 7, Overton 7, Weatherly 6, Crabbe 6, Nicholl 7, Bruce 6, Price 7, **★FUNNELL 8**, Richardson 7.
Referee: D. Owen (Wirral)
Match Rating: ★★

CHESTER (1) 1 (Storton 9)
MILLWALL (0) 1 (Townner 71)
 Att: 3,473
 Chester: Lloyd 6, Raynor 5, Burns 6 (sub. Jones), Storton 7, Cottam 4, Jeffries 5, Sutcliffe 6, Ruggiero 5, **★EDWARDS 8**, Phillips 7, Henderson 6.
 Millwall: Jackson 7, Donaldson 7, Roberts 5, Chatterton 6, Blyth 4, Tagg 6, Townner 7, Seaman 7, **★LYONS 8**, Mehmet 6, O'Callaghan 6.
Referee: A. Challoner (Rotherham)
Match Rating: ★★

CHESTERFIELD (1) 3 (Hunter 8, Birch 73, Moss 83)
COLCHESTER (0) 0
 Att: 4,206
 Chesterfield: Letheren 6, Tarrt 6, O'Neill 7, **★RIDLEY 8**, Green 6, Hunter 7, Birch 7, Moss 7, Walker 6, Salmons 6, Crawford 6.
 Colchester: Walker 5, Downman 6, Rowles 6, Hodge 5, Wignall 5, Wright 5, Leslie 6, Gough 5, Foley 6, Lee 5, **★ALLINSON 7**.
Referee: J. Sewell (Leicester)
Match Rating: ★★
 Sending Off: Gough (Colchester)

EXETER CITY (0) 1 (Bowker 73)
BURY (0) 0
 Att: 2,995
 Exeter: O'Keefe 7, Roberts 7, Rogers, M 6, Hall 6, Giles 6, Hatch 7.
★NEVILLE 8, Rogers, P 6 (sub. Bowker 7), Sims 6, Delve 6, Pullar 6.
 Bury: Forrest 7, **★CONSTANTINE 8**, Kennedy 7, Lugg 7, Waddington 6, Howard 6, Mullen 7, Waldron 6 (sub. Taylor 6), Beamish 6, Gregory 6, McIlraith 6.
Referee: T. Glasson (Salisbury)
Match Rating: ★★

GRIMSBY (1) 1 (Cumming 31)
PLYMOUTH (0) 0
 Att: 7,224
 Grimsby: **★BATCH 8**, Moore, D 7, Moore, K 7, Waters 6, Wigginton 6, Stone 6, Broily 5, Ford 6, Liddell 6 (sub. Lester 5), Mitchell 7, Cumming 7.
 Plymouth: Brown 7, James 7, Harrison 7, Phillipson-Masters 5, **★FOSTER 8**, Hodges 6, Megson 7, Graves 7 (sub. Bason 5), Trusson 6, Randall 7, Johnson 7.
Referee: D. A. Webb (Cheshire)
Match Rating: ★★

HULL CITY (1) 3 (Edwards 41, Farley 50, Moss 55)
SHEFFIELD UNITED (0) 1 (Sabella 62)
 Att: 9,556
 Hull: Blackburn 8, Nisbet 7, de Vries 6.

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6, Croft 7, Dobson 6, Tait 8, Roberts 7, ★**MOSS** 9, Edwards 6, Phillips 8, Farley 7.

Sheff Utd: Conroy 6, Cutbush 6, Tibbott 7, Kenworthy 6, McPhail 7, ★**MATTHEWS** 8, de Goey 5 (sub. Brown), Sabella 7, Butlin 5, Speight 6, Bourne 7.

Referee: George Flint (Kirby-in-Ashfield)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

OXFORD UTD (2) 4 (Berry 6, Fogg 57, Graydon 38, pen 77)

READING (0) 0

Att: 5,905

Oxford: Burton 6, McIntosh 6, Fogg 7, Biggs 6, Stott 7, Jeffrey 6, Graydon 7, Duncan 6, Berry 7, ★**COOKE** 8, Hodgson 7.

Reading: Death 5, Sparkes 4, White 5, ★**BOWMAN** 7, Hetzke 5, Kearney 6, Earles 5, Alexander 5, Heale 4, Sanchez 5, Lewis 5.

Referee: K. Baker (Rugeley)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (0) 0

BRENTFORD (1) 2 (Holmes, L 31, Phillips 51)

Att: 11,612

Sheff Wed: Cox 6, Blackhall 6, Grant 5, ★**SMITH** 7, Mullen 6, Hornsby 6, Curran 6, Porterfield 5, Fleming 5 (sub. Mellor 6), McCulloch 6, King 6, Brentford: Bond 7, Shrubbs 7, Salman 7, McNicol 7, Kruse 6, Fraser 6 (sub. Holmes, B 7), Carlton 6, Graham 6, Holmes, L 7, Alder 6, ★**PHILLIPS** 8. **Referee:** G. M. Tyson (Sunderland)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

ROTHERHAM (2) 3 (Gwyther 16, 39, Tiler 43)

SWINDON (0) 0

Att: 4,872

Rotherham: Mountford 6, Forrest 7, ★**TLER** 8, Rhodes 6, Green 6, Breckin 6, Gooding 7, McEwan 6, Gwyther 7, Fern 7, Finney 6. **Swindon:** Allan 5, Templeman 6, Lewis 5 (sub. Kamara 5), McHale 6, Tucker 6, Stroud 6, Miller 6, ★**CARTER** 8, Rowland 7, Mayes 6, Williams 7.

Referee: A. Saunders (Newcastle)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

WIMBLEDON (0) 1 (Knowles 74)

BLACKBURN ROVERS (0) 0

Att: 3,671

Wimbledon: Goddard 7, Perkins 6, Jones 6, ★**GALLIERS** 8, Bowgett 7, Cunningham 5, Briley 7 (sub. Denny 6), Persons 6, Leslie 5, Downes 7, Knowles 6.

Blackburn: Butcher 6, Round 6, Morley 7, Kendall 6, Keeley 6, Fazaackerley 5, Garner 6 (sub. Craig 7), Coughlin 5, Parker 6, ★**McKENZIE** 8, Parkes 7.

Referee: B. Hill (Wellingborough)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

Sending Off: Cunningham (Wimbledon)

Division Four

ALDERSHOT (1) 2 (Crosby 12, Dungworth 46)

SCUNTHORPE (0) 0

Att: 2,709

Aldershot: Johnson 6, Howitt 7, Bennett 6, Topling 6, Wooler 6, Dixon 6, ★**CROSBY** 8, Brodie 6, French 6, Dungworth 7, McGregor 7.

Scunthorpe: ★**CRAWFORD** 7, Peacock 6, Deere 6, Oates 6, Pilling 5, Kavanagh 5, Partridge 5, Kilmore 6, Earl 5 (sub. O'Berg 5), Green 6, Keeley 5.

Referee: C. Downey (Hounslow)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 1 (Hinnigan og 82)

WIGAN (0) 2 (Brownbill 76, 81)

Att: 4,390

Bournemouth: Allen 6, Cunningham 7, Moore, J 7, Impey 7, Townsend 7, ★**BRYANT** 8 (sub. Massey), Chambers 6, Holder 7, Heffernan 6, MacDougall 6, Evanson 6. **Wigan:** Shyne 6, Smart 7, Hinnigan 7, Gore 7, Hart 7, Fretwell 6, Corrigan

6, Wright 6, Houghton 7, Moore, M 7, Purdie 7 (sub. ★**BROWNBILL** 8).

Referee: D. A. Hedges (Headington)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

BRADFORD CITY (0) 1 (Hutchins 49)

LINCOLN CITY (0) 1 (Cockerill 63)

Att: 5,298

Bradford: Smith 6, Podd 6, Watson, Gary 7, Robertson 7, ★**BAINES** 8, Cooper 7, Bates 7, Dolan 7, Stainforth 7, McNiven 6 (sub. Wood), Hutchins 6.

Lincoln: Grotier 6, Guest 6, Crouch 8, Watson, Graham 7, Saunders 7, ★**PEAKE** 8, Hobson 6, Carr 6, Harford 6, Cunningham 6, Cockerill 7.

Referee: G. Courtney (Spennymoor)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

HARTLEPOOL (0) 3 (Goldthorpe 57, 71, Ayre 63)

DARLINGTON (1) 1 (Walsh 9)

Att: 3,682

Hartlepool: Watson 6, Lawrence 7, Gorry 7, Goldthorpe 6 (sub. Staff), Brookes 6, Ayre 7, Linacre 5, Houchen 6, ★**NEWTON** 8, Harding 5, Loadwick 6.

Darlington: ★**OWERS** 8 (sub. Taylor), Coleman 6, Cockrane 6, Nattress 7, Bainbridge 6, McLean 4, Clark 5, Charlton 6, Seal 5, Ellis 5, Walsh 6.

Referee: S. Hackett (Sheffield)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

HEREFORD UTD (1) 1 (White 17)

TRANMERE ROVERS (1) 2 (Craven 38, Lumby 50)

Att: 3,812

Hereford: Hughes 6, Price 6, Burrows 7, Hunt 7, Layton 7, Emery 7, Cunningham 6, ★**FEELEY** 8, McGrellis 6, Jones 5 (sub. Gould 5), White 7.

Tranmere Rovers: Johnson 7, Mathias 7, Flood 7, Bramhall 7, Edwards 7, ★**EVANS** 9, O'Neill 7, Craven 8, Kerr 7, Lumby 7, Peplow 8. **Referee:** L. M. Robinson (Sutton Coldfield)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

HUDDERSFIELD (2) 2 (Fletcher 15, Robins 25)

NEWPORT COUNTY (0) 1 (Oakes 83)

Att: 3,134

Huddersfield: Starling 7, Brown 7, Robinson 7, Holmes 6, Sutton 7, Hanvey 7, Laverick 7, Hart 6, Fletcher 7, Robins 7, ★**COWLING** 8.

Newport County: Plumley 7, Walden 6, Relish 6, Davies 6, Oakes 6, ★**THOMPSON** 8, Vaughan 6, Lowndes 6, Goddard 6 (sub. Bruton), Tynan 6, Moore 6.

Referee: R. Bridges (Deeside)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

PORTSMOUTH (1) 1 (Laidlaw 4)

STOCKPORT COUNTY (0) 0

Att: 14,942

Portsmouth: Mellor 7, McLaughlin 6, Styles 6, Brisley 6, ★**AIZLEWOOD** 8, Davey 7, Garwood 6, Laidlaw 7, Showers 6 (sub. Hemmerman 7), Bryant 6, Rogers 7.

Stockport County: Rogan 7, Sherlock 6, Rutter 6, ★**EDWARDS** 8, Czuczman 7 (sub. Booth 6), Chapman 5, Summerbee 5, Thorpe 6, Henson 5, Galvin 6, Williams 6.

Referee: L. C. Shapter (Newton Abbott)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

ROCHDALE (1) 1 (Weir 43)

WALSALL (0) 1 (Caswell 65)

Att: 2,500

Rochdale: Watson 6, Hart 6, ★**SNOOKES** 8, Taylor 7, Bannon 7, Weir 6 (sub. Scaife 6), Wann 6, O'Loughlin 6, Hoy 7, Esser 6, Hilditch 6.

Walsall: Turner 6, Macken 6, Mower 6, Sbragia 7, ★**SERELLA** 8, Paul 6, Penn 6, Waddington 6, McDonough 7, Buckley 6, Caswell 7.

Referee: J. Lovatt (Crewe)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

YORK (0) 0

PETERBOROUGH UNITED (1) 2 (Robson 23, 63)

Att: 3,102

York: Brown 7, Kay 7, Walsh 6, Pugh 5 (sub. Welling 6), Faulkner 6, James 7, Ford 6, ★**LORIMER** 8, Randall 6, MacDonald 6, Staniforth 7.

Peterborough: Waugh 8, Carmichael 7, Phillips 7, Chard 7, Smith 7, Foster 7, Gynn 6, Kallcock 6, Quow 7, ★**ROBSON** 9, Lambert 7.

Referee: A. Daleson (Blackburn)

Match Rating: ★★★★★



Alan Sunderland — demolished Leeds with a hat-trick in the 7-0 rout by Arsenal.

Scottish Premier Division

CELTIC (1) 2 (McCluskey 21, 58)

DUNDEE UNITED (1) 2 (Pettigrew, pen 44, Milne 76)

Att: 27,000

Celtic: Latchford 7, Sneddon 8, McGrain 8, Aitken 7, McAdam 6, Conroy 8 (sub. Lennox 7), Provan 8, Davidson 6, ★**McCLUSKEY** 9, MacLeod 7, Doyle 8.

Dundee United: McAlpine 7, Kirkwood 8, Kopel 8, Phillip 7 (sub. Milne 8), Stark 7, ★**NEARY** 9, Addison 7, Pettigrew 8, Fleming 8, Sturrock 7, Payne 7.

Referee: H. Alexander (Irvine)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

DUNDEE (0) 2 (Sinclair 62, Redford 75)

PARTICK THISTLE (0) 2 (McAdam 48, 87)

Att: 6,405

Dundee: Donaldson 7, Barr 8, Turnbull 6 (sub. Watson 7), McLaren 7 (sub. Williamson 7), Glennie 7, McGeachie 8, Fletcher 8, Shirra 7, ★**SINCLAIR** 9, Redford 8, Murphy 8.

Partick: Rough 6, McKinnon 7, Whittaker 8, Campbell 8, McAdam 7, Marr 7, Houston 6 (sub. Love 7), Doyle 7 (sub. Melrose 7), O'Hara 7, Gibson 7, ★**PARK** 8.

Referee: E. H. Pringle (Edinburgh)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

KILMARNOCK (0) 1 (Jardine 88)

HIBS (0) 0

Att: 4,650

Kilmarnock: ★**McCULLOCH** 9, McLean 7, Robertson 8, Clark 8, Clarke 8, McDicken 8, Street 7, Gibson 7, Burke 6 (sub. Jardine 7), Maxwell 7, Mauchlen 8.

Hibs: McArthur 7, Brazil 8, Duncan 8, Bremner 7, Rae 8, McNamara 8, Murray 7 (sub. Campbell 7), ★**RODIER** 8, Hutchison 6 (sub. Callaghan 7), MacLeod 6, Higgins 6.

Referee: K. Stewart (Glasgow)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

MORTON (1) 3 (Thomson 20, 64, Ritchie, pen 67)

ABERDEEN (1) 2 (Archibald 32, McMaster 72)

Att: 7,000

Morton: Baines, P 8, Hayes 8, Holmes 8, Anderson 8, ★**ORR** 9.

Rooney 8, McNeil 7, Hutchison 7, Thomson 8 (sub. McLaren 7), Tolmie 7 (sub. Scott 7), Ritchie 7.

Aberdeen: Clark 8, Kennedy 8, Considine 7 (sub. Sullivan 6), McLeish 7, Garner 6, Miller 8, McGhee 8 (sub. Jarvie 7), Archibald 7, Harper 6, McMaster 7, ★**STRACHAN** 8.

Referee: A. McGunnigle (Glasgow)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

RANGERS (1) 3 (Johnstone 15, Smith 80, Miller, pen 85)

ST MIRREN (0) 1 (Stark 55)

Att: 24,000

Rangers: McCloy 8, Jardine 7, Dawson 7, Stevens 8 (sub. Miller 7), Jackson 8, Watson 8, McLean 6 (sub. Smith 8), Russell 6, ★**JOHNSTONE** 9, MacDonald 7, Cooper 8.

St Mirren: Thomson 8, Beckett 7, Munro 8, Richardson 8, Dunlop 8, ★**COPLAND** 9, Bone 7, Stark 6, Somner 8, Docherty 6, Torrance 7.

Referee: D. F. T. Syme (Rutherglen)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

Division One

AIRDRIE (2) 4 (McClymont 12, Clark 26, Lapsley, pen 62, 80)

ARBROATH (1) 1 (Myles 6)

AYR (0) 0

HAMILTON (2) 3 (Graham 20, 42, Deane 65)

DUMFERMLINE (0) 1 (McNaughton 76)

CLYDE (0) 1 (Anderson 69)

DUMBARTON (0) 1 (Gallacher, B 72)

STIRLING ALBION (0) 2 (Armstrong, pen 53, Kennedy, A 81)

HEARTS (0) 2 (Kidd 64, 84)

CLYDEBANK (0) 1 (Houston 79)

MOTHERWELL (0) 1 (Rafferty 88)

BERWICK RANGERS (1) 1 (Tait 18)

ST JOHNSTONE (1) 2 (Goldthorpe 35, Brogan 71)

RAITH ROVERS (1) 2 (Harrow 10, Miller 76)

Division Two

ALBION ROVERS (0) 2 (Campbell 65, Docherty 81)

COWDENBEATH (0) 1 (Kane 48)

ALLOA (1) 3 (McIntosh 30 secs, 78, Muir 80)

FALKIRK (2) 2 (Roberts 29, Mitchell 37)

BRECHIN (1) 3 (Campbell, I 36, Donald 48, Patterson 63)

MEADOWBANK (1) 1 (Jobson 6)

EAST FIFE (0) 1 (Methen 62)

STRANRAER (0) 0

EAST STIRLING (0) 0

QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (1) 1 (Alexander 2)

MONTROSE (1) 2 (Murray, pen 44, Wright 67)

QUEENS PARK (0) 1 (Gillespie 73)

STENHOUSEMUIR (2) 4 (Dunn 15, 52, Jack 37, Jenkins, pen 60)

FORFAR (0) 0

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